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Palo Alto Stake Divided, New Stake Formed

Pickering And Haight Head West Bay Units

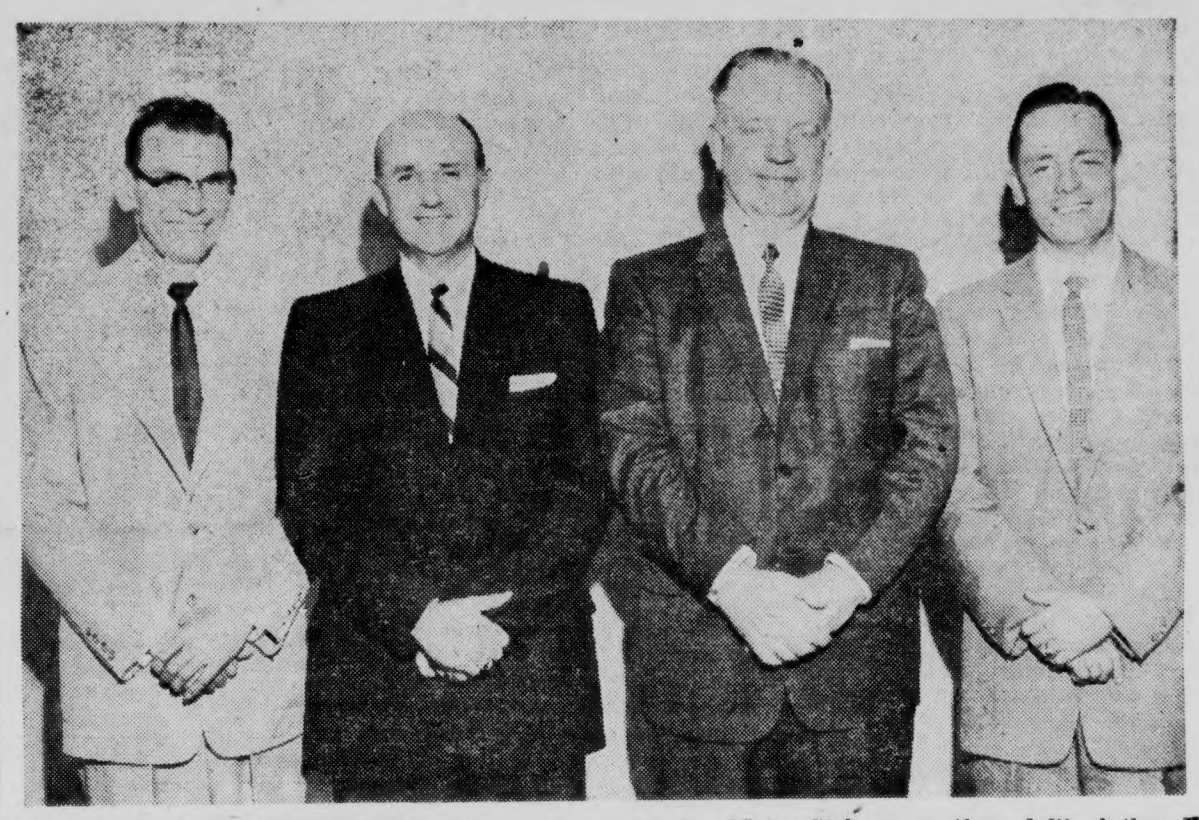
By Gay Taylor

An emotion-choked quarterly conference of Palo Alto Stake, held Sept. 15 at the Fiesta building in San Mateo, saw the Stake divided and presidencies sustained under the direction of Elder Marion G. Romney of the Council of the Twelve. Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve, was also in attendance.

Newly created as the 247th Stake of Zion was San Mateo Stake, in the area north of the division line between Redwood City and Menlo Park. The new Stake embraces the Wards of Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, San Mateo Second, Burlingame and San Bruno and Sharp Park Branch.

Sustained as president of San Mateo Stake was Melvin P. Pickering of San Bruno, with William L. Stoker of San Mateo, first counselor William Stanford Durrant of Redwood City second counselor.

As divided, Palo Alto Stake now contains five wards, Sunnyvale, Los Altos, Palo Alto Palo Alto Second, and Menlo Park. David B. Haight remained in office as stake president. Sustained as his counselors were Richard B. Sonne, first and Lund A. Johnson, second. All three reside in Palo Alto.



SUSTAINED AS THE PRESIDENCY of the newly created San Mateo Stake were (from left), Arthur E. Cagle, Stake Clerk; First Counselor William L. Stoker; Stake President Melvin P. Pickering; and Second Counselor William Stanford Durrant.—(Photo: Gay Taylor, 1954 Stockbridge ave., Redwood City.)

IT ISN'T WHERE you serve, but how you serve, said Elder Marion G. Romney, of the Council of the Twelve, presiding at the Palo Alto Stake quarterly conference. The strength of a man is really revealed more when he is released from office than when he goes in. The newly-created stake, he said, was evidence of the growth of the Church, which has doubled in less than thirty years, and will continue to grow until it covers the earth.

RETAINED AS PRESIDENT of Palo Alto Stake was David B. Haight, center. Richard B. Sonne, left, was sustained first counselor; and Lund A. Johnson second counselor.—(Photo: Bob Mahany, Redwood City.)

WE MUST ALL be missionaries, said Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve, at the Palo Alto Stake Conference. The greatest tool we have today is not precept, but example. We must each accept the responsibility to represent the Church in our individual zone of influence among our friends, neighbors, and associates.

PRESIDENT PICKERING was born in and attended school at Salt Lake City. He was called to the Swiss German Mission. He married Iris Wood of Farmington, Utah, and has a son, Richard B., 22. Since moving to California he has served as bishop of Burlingame Ward, and was a member of the Palo Alto Stake High Council. He is sales manager of the Universal Carloading and Distributing Co.

First Counselor William L. Stoker was born in Provo, and attended school at Price, Utah. He was bishop of San Mateo Ward six years, and the past six years has served on the Stake high council. He married Faye Noyes of Los Angeles. There are four daughters, Judy, Jo Anne, Virginia and Linda. He is a vocal teacher in San Francisco.

Second Counselor William Stanford Durrant was born in Provo, Utah, and has the distinction of hvaing attended Brigham Young University from the first grade until his graduation with an A.B. degree. He attended the Graduate School of Business Administration at Stanford, and is now employed by the Bank of America as assistant cashier of the Term Loan Division of the Bond Investment Department. His Church experience includes a mission to Argentina, Sunday school secretary, Ward and Stake MIA Superintendent. He married Lois Hammond, and has one child, Stanford Hammond, 2.

PRESIDENT DAVID B. HIGHT was born in Oakley, Idaho. He was graduated from Albion A.C. in 1928, and two years later married Ruby Olson. There are three children, David Bruce Robert Peter and Karen Christina. He served on the high council before becoming stake president in which capacity he has served for the past six years. He owns and operates the Palo Alto Hardware stores in Palo Alto and Los Altos.

First Counselor Richard B. Sonne was born in Logan, Utah. He married Norma Hansen of Fillmore. There are three children, Shirley Ann, 17; Karma Jean, 11; and Richard H., 5. He graduated from Utah State College and received his M.B.B. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. He served as counselor and as bishop of Palo Alto Ward, and was second counselor in the stake presidency at the time of the division. He is manager of the Cost and Field Sales Accounting Division, California Packing Corp.

Second Counselor Lund A. Johnson was born in Huntington, Utah.

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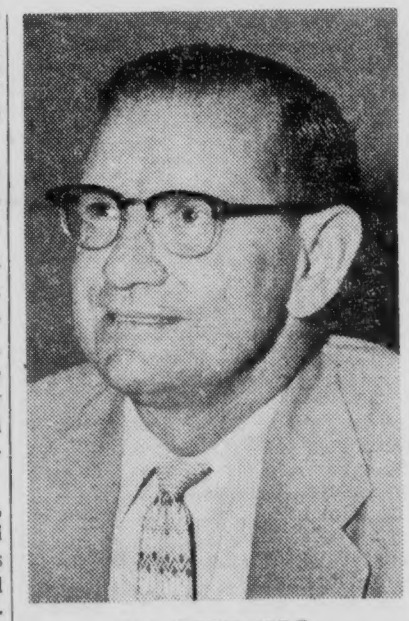
Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill, California Health Director Takes Long Look Behind Russia's 'Gauze' Curtain

Russia, which has placed a high priority on medicine and public health, is solving the problem of "quantity," but medical "quality" is still lagging behind that of the United States.

That was the principal observation made by Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill ,director of the California Department of Public Health, and popular member of Berkeley First Ward. Dr. Merrill and four other prominent Ameican public health leaders, chosen by the U.S. State Department, recently spent nearly six weeks in Russia and covered 9,200 miles observing health facilities behind the Iron Curtain.

Back in his home ward Sunday, Sept. 22, Dr. Merrill summarized his trip in informal talks and was deluged with questions from ward members who wondered about conditions in the vast country of the Volga.



DR. MERRILL

"We felt a real warmth and cordiality in our reception everywhere," said Dr. Merrill ,who told an anecdote to illustrate this. He was taking a picture of a flower stand at a marketplace in Frunze, in Asiatic Russia when the stand's owner rushed up with bouquets for him and one of his colleagues. Another woman straightened his collar that had become disarranged by his camera strap and presented him with two roses. The street-cleaning woman then swept the street in front of them as they walked away.

DR. MERRILL, who teaches the Senior Aaronic class at Berkeley First Ward, took note of the religious situation existing in Russia. Although he said there was no apparent ban on worship, it ap-

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Hayward Stake

Missionary Work In Stake Lauded

By Amy Bruerton

An inspirational Hayward Stake Conference was held in the new San Lorenzo Ward Chapel on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24 and 25. Since this was a missionary conference, a Stake Missionary Meeting was held Saturday evening, presided over by Sterling W. Sill from Salt Lake City and conducted by Francis B. Winkel of the stake presidency.

President Leonard J. Lyon of the Stake Mission showed that many converts had been brought into the Church in this area due to the diligence of the missionaries and their willingness to accept responsibility.

Elder Sill told the missionaries that their work of bringing salvation to mankind—"My Father s business—", was more important than that of any great occupational group in the world. It was important enough to cause Alma to give up his judgeship to devote his full time to it. The missionary's job is to raise the standard of thinking by calling people's attention to the gems of thought in our Standard Works. They witness that God has spoken again. Success in preaching these truths comes under three catagories: **To Know**—"Knowledge is power"; **To Do**—"Faith without work is dead"; **To Be**—Develop the attributes of Divinity within us.

THE SUNDAY SESSIONS of Conference were conducted by President Milton P. Ream under the direction of Elder Sterling W. Sill. Those attending also were delighted by the presence of Delbert F. Wright, former president of the old Oakland Stake. President Ream spoke of our bulliding problem and how to meet it.

"By our faith and works we shall receive the blessing," President Ream said.

The scriptures tell us that whenever a prblem is given, the way is opened and we are given the necessary strength. President Ream concluded with a quotation from Joshua—"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve . . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

President Wright warmed the hearts of those listening by his little sermon on the measure of a man. The Latter-day Saint is measured by his humility and willingness to work among his fellows for the Lord with no thought of self.

THE GATHERING of approximately 2000 were held spellbound by the wisdom of Elder Sill as he pointed out how the Lord sometimes works by subtraction. Many blessings cause people to become forgetful of God, so His blessings are sometimes taken away for the greater good. By our own thoughtlessness and failure to prepare, we lose the blessing.

"Good things we must attain in advance. We can pay later for evil things," he said.

In terms of money, how much would we pay to bring back lost freedom? Health? Faculties? Fresh air? Cold water? All our blessings can be had without charge if we prepare for them in advance.

The afternoon session was of special interest to all stake missionaries and to the members of San Lorenzo Ward. President Leonard J. Lyon of the Stake Mission was released with his two counselors. Dean Hawkley, former first counselor, was sustained as new Stake Mission president. He has chosen Thomas Noble and Faatamala Tuia, both of San Leandro Ward, to be his counselors.

Under the direction of President Milton P. Ream, the San Lorenzo Ward was divided into two separate wards. San Lorenzo First Ward has Douglas P. Larsen as bisnop with Richard Shumway and John Dahle as counselors, and San Lorenzo Second Ward has Don L. Smith as bishop with Dean Storr and Leslie Wheeler as counselors.

AMONG THE MANY soul-stirring thoughts in short talks given after the business in this session, was the reminder by A. Glifford Jackson that all parents in Zion must be missionaries to convert their children, even though born in the church, with their strong testimonies. Brother Winkel pointed out the power in our sustaining action of raised hands in meetings. He promised that the new bishops would succeed through the faith and prayers and support of their ward memberships.

Concluding speaker of the session and conference was Sterling W. Sill who brought to mind that "Books are the most wonderful of creations." Amng the most important of good books are the scriptures. As example, Brother Sill discussed one volume of the scriptures, the Book of Mormon—" the passport to the Celestial Kingdom." With flowing words and vivid descriptions and comparisons, the prophets Mormon and Moroni were made to live again.

NEW MEMBERS of The Bishopric of the Castro Valley Ward, Hayward Stake, are shown here. Bottom row, from left, Alfred W. Fontano, first counselor; Heber J. Brown, bishop, and G. Douglas Wardell, second counselor; top row, George E. Wellman, financial clerk; Lawrence H. Lee, historical clerk; Allen E. Gore, statistical clerk.

Hayward Stake

New Bishopric Sustained In Castro Valley Ward

By Nell Smith

It was with mixed feelings that the Castro Valley ward membership held up their hands to release a well beloved bishopric and sustain an equally admired trio of brothers as their new leaders.

On September 1, Elder Heber J. Brown was voted into office with Elders Alfred W. Fontano and G. Douglas Wardell as his first and second counselors. They replaced Bishop Herman A. Christensen and Counselors Melvin Orgill and Charles Fowler. Elders Lawrence H. Lee and George E. Wellman remained as clerks, with the addition of Elder Allen Gore.

iBshop Brown who moved to Castro Valley about a year ago, is well known in the east bay having served on the high council of the Hayward stake and former Oakland Stake. He was chairman of the Stake Aaronic Priesthood advisory committee and his main interests have always been with the advancement of the program. His wife, Dorothy, is presently serving as a counselor on the Hayward Stake Relief Society. They have four children, Phoebe, Heber C., who is presently serving as a missionary in England, Dorothy Jean, and Marvin.

First counselor Al Fontano and his family, Violet his wife, Judy, Jimmy and baby Joy have lived in the ward for more than three years. Violet Fontano is Ward Relief Society president and Al was athletic director for the Hayward Stake YMMIA when he was called to his new post. He was a former resident of San Leandro, Alameda and Maxwell Park wards and has many friends throughout the three Bay Area stakes.

Elder Wardell has been an active member of the ward since its orasa chairman of the building committee. His wife, Erna, serves on the as chairman o the building commit-Hayward Stake Sunday School. Their daughter, Sue, is ten years old.

Clerk Allen Gore came to the ward from Oakland Second Ward where he was president of the First Elders Quorum. His family numbers three, Lucille, his wife, who is a member of the Stake Primary board, Sylvia Jean, and Douglas Sylvia Jean, and Douglas Allen.

THE RETIRING BISHOPRIC members were honored at a ham dinner and program in the Hayward Chapel 1000 Second St., Sept. 27.

Hal Wardell was general chairman of the affair, assisted by Mary Fowler, Ella Lamph, Leland Johnson. Mary Blazin, Albert Atwood, and Nell Smith.

WORD HAS BEEN received that Slder Larry Bates, Castro Valley ward has received his call to preach the gospel in the Brazilian mission. Son of Brother and Sister Lawrence Bates, Larry is to report at the mission home in Salt Lake City on Oct. 23.

A student of Brigham Young University for the past two years, Larry spent his summers working in Nevada. He was ordained an Elder at the "Y" and was an active member of his quorum. Although he is well known in the Castro Valley ward, he also lived for a time in Oakland Second ward where he has many friends.

Friends are invited to attend a farewell testimonial for Elder Bates on Oct. 13 in Hayward Chapel at 7 p.m.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS were saddened this month at the passing of Sister Elizabeth Joy Phister on Sept. 7. She was the wife of Brother Leonard J. Phister, 9277 David, Castro Valley, and mother of W. Wayne Phister, San Leandro,; Mrs. Alda Marie Brown, Salt Lake City; Warren Keith Phister, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Della Mae Ujurbancic, Pinole; Mrs. Afton Lucille Mattingly, Oakland; and Leonard Dellano Phister, Castro Valley. There are 14 grandchildren. Sister Phister was also survived by eight brothers and sisters.

Four bishops, friends of Sister Phister, participated in the services held in the Hayward Chapel Sept. 9, under the direction of Bishop Heber Brown. A native of Utah, sister Phister was a dearly loved Latter-day Saint who came to the Hayward area when the church membership was scattered throughout the Bay Area. She was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and was devoted wife and mother. Sister Phister, although a semi-invalid for more than five years, succumbed suddenly to a heart attack.

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Hayward Stake

'Favorite Songs' To Be Theme Of Roadshows Scheduled Oct. 15

By Gertrude Lesser

"Favorite Songs" is the theme for the Hayward Stake Annual Roadshow, to be held Oct. 15. All wards are participating and report that they'll keep up the stake precedent for "super activities—super functions—nothing but the best.

Put on your jeans and calico and low heels and folk dance and square dance every Saturday night at 8:30 with Bill and Melba Day at San Lorenzo Ward.

The Mia Maids, Junior Gleaners and Second Year Beehives have their calendars in order and are learning the All-Girls Dance for 1957-58 every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m, starting Monday, Oct. 21.

Hayward Stake was the host for the six-stake dance held by the M Men and Gleaners Friday, Sept. 20 at San Lorenzo Ward.

PRIMARY—The Trail Builders of the Hayward Stake Primary Associations had a wonderful evening in a Stake 'Fun-de-lay' held Aug. 30, 7 to 9 p.m., at San Leandro Ward. One hundred fifty boys and their parents enjoyed viewing the handicraft made by the boys at Primary during the summer months. This was followed by games and refreshments.

JERRY F. BAUER

San Leandro Ward

Jerry F. Bauer Goes On Mission

A missionary farewell and testimonial was held Sunday, September 15, at the San Leandro ward chapel, for Jerry Floyd Bauer, son of Brother and Sister LeRoy Bauer.

Jerry will labor in the Brazilian mission. He reported to the mission home September 18.

Jerry was born in Washington, D. C., and came to the Bay Area when he was about 5. He spent two years in Hawaii and about one year at the Great Lakes Training Center where his father retired from the navy after 30 years of service.

Recently advised that he was accepted in the Engineering College of the University of California, he had been attending the Oakland Junior College. He has been active in Church and held offices in his various Priesthood quorums.

RELIEF SOCIETY—Opening socials have been held by the Ward Relief Societies and programs enjoyed. Some of the wards are thinking about the cold weather we will experience later on and have prepared for this by having a display of blankets. Hayward Ward was the recipient of two attractive blankets for having 30 members in attendance. If you would like to know more about this project phone Irene Newton, JEfferson 7-1081.

"RAPHSODY IN DANCE" which was enjoyed by so many about four years ago and was presented by Helen Noble's pupils, gave a repeat performance Wednesday evening, Sept. 18, at Hayward High School auditorium. About 450 persons left the building feeling well re-paid. The men's quartet "The Cavaliers" having just returned from an appearance at the Palace Hotel in New York, were in attendance but this time had an added attraction, an attractive young lady with a superb voice. We hope that shorily Helen will again put on this presentation for those who missed it.

The women of Hayward Stake were buzzing with activity during the first two weeks of September at the cannery where they not only thoroughly enjoyed the pleasure of working together, learning to know one another better, accomplishing that which was expected of them, but also of going way over their quota of 13,000 cans of tomatoes.

PRIMARY—The first Hayward Stake Primary Music Festival to be held in this area was presented by the Stake Primary Association, September 20, in the Hayward Ward Chapel.

A musical travelogue "A Trip Through Yellowstone Park", written by Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Christiansen was presented with each Ward Primary in full costume portraying such scenes as "All Aboard for Idaho," "Chief Pocatello," "Old Faithful Geyser," and "The Story of Blackie the Bear."

The Trailbuilders and Homebuilders in a combined chorus of approximately 200 voices sang five different songs. Most impressive was the new song for the Primary "I Am A Child of God." The travelogue and special numbers were under the musical direction of Norma Hartley, organist Norma Pittson and narrator Margaret McClellan. The accordionist for one of the special numbers was Fred Spindler. More than 500 children participated.

CENTERVILLE WARD MEMBERS dined plentifully, as this picture indicates, then enjoyed games and entertainment at the home of the Wilfred T. Webbs at Livermore Sept. 7. The occasion was a combined outing of the Special Interest Class and the Adult Fireside. Shown here, from left, are Rose Winkel, France Winkel, Ruth Hunt, Leona Webb, Wilfred T. Webb and Coleen Anderson.

San Leandro Ward

Paint-Chapel Banquet Held

By Marilyn Nelson

A "Paint the Chapel Banquet" was planned for San Leandro ward Saturday, September 21, An evening's entertainment contributed to the success of the affair.

Sister Thiessen, recently returned from a Southern States mission, gave a report of her mission in Sacrament meeting and told of her visit with former San Leandro ward Bishop John Webster who was transferred to Memphis Tennessee, when the Kellogg company promoted him.

Pat Mueter recently returned from Europe where she has been touring with BYU students the past three months.

Pat Cheney won a sewing contest in San Leandro sponsored by the Singer Sewing Machine company. She made a dress which is being shown in different stores and also in San Francisco. She won a 3-piece scissors set.

A change in the Bishopric was made recently when Brother Vao Cheney became a member of the Hayward Stake High council. Harold P. Hansen is now second counselor, and Brother LaRue Duffin is first counselor.

We have a lot of young people going to the BYU, including: Donna Schipper, Janet Haycock, Susan McAllister, John Duke, Scott Hathaway, Sara White, Dean Shurtliff, Anna Visscher, Karen Hansen, Mac Griffeth and Maxine Beach are going to San Jose State.

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Hit Comedy Is Offered By Oakland Fourth Ward

"Time Out for Ginger," a comedy in three acts, will be presented three times in October by the Oakland Fourth Ward as a means to raise funds for the Three-Stake Center on Temple Hill.

Directed by Fern Pardoe Nelson, the play which has been a smash-hit on the stage, screen and television, will be offered as follows:

Friday, Oct. 11, 8:15 p.m.—at the Oakland Fourth Ward, 2705 Virginia Ave., Oakland.

Saturday, Oct. 19, 8-15 p.m.—at the Claremont Ward, 2334 Stuart St., Berkeley.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 8:15 p.m.—a special presentation at the Oakland Fourth Ward for all children under Mutual age.

"Time Out for Ginger" is really what it means—full of ginger, spice and down-to-earth comedy," says Director Nelson. "It will provide an evening of fun for all the family, three acts of laughs, tears and entertainment."

THE PLOT develops when Howard Carol, normally a well-balanced father of three daughters, declares in a speech before high school students, "that no one should be forced to do anything that he or she doesn't want to do."

Various interpretations of this statement are seized upon by the students to demand changes in the school curriculum, such as equality in athletic events for boys and girls, abolition of gym for girls and more time for recess.

Ginger, youngest of the Carol daughters, goes out for football, becomes a featured person in Life Magazine and thoroughly mixes up her family life. Howard says to Agnes, his wife, "Three times I have told you to have a son, but no, you wouldn't listen to me. You insisted on having daughters."

THE VARIOUS conflicts are hilariously solved to the delight of the family, the school principal, the town banker and the audience.

Included in the cast are Verna Poore, John Nelson, Barbara Lewis, Helen Nackos, Cheryl Poore, Bill Dent, Steven Martin, Bob McCallister, Kent McCarty and Fern Nelson.

THERE'S A LOT OF PUNCH in "Time Out for Ginger," three-act comedy to be presented three times this month, as this scene indicates. The hit play is packed with dramatic incidents as well as a full quota of laugh-provoking lines and situations. The play, directed by Fern Pardoe Nelson, who is shown at the center rear, of this picture will be given at the Oakland Fourth Ward in a special showing for young people Oct. 10; the following night for adults and again Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Claremont Ward, Berkeley. Proceeds will go toward the Three-Stake Center.

Centerville

Special Interest 'Swims and Sups'

By Hazel Natali

The Special Interest Class of the MIA with the Adult Fireside group on Sept. 7 met at the home of Brother and Sister Wilfred Webb for a swim and potluck supper. The weather was hot, the water swell, and the food delicious, for almost 50 persons.

Ladies responsible for the arrangements were, Pat McNeil, Maurine McKinley, Marjorie Blout, Rose Winkel and Hazel Natali. Brother Webb was the class leader of the Special Interest class last year. We regret he will be unable to be with us in the coming season.

Many of our young people are leaving soon for the BYU in Provo: Pearl Ann Nunes, Marlene Maugha, Pat Hunt, Carol Pugmire, Koa Ogden, Joyce McDonald and perhaps someone we have failed to mention. Daryl Green may attend the winter quarter at the BYU.

Maurine McKinley flew to Idaho Falls, August 27, to attend the funeral of her aunt, Hazel Brower. Maurine and her two boys spent a few weeks with her this summer when Mrs. Brower was feeling better.

Bishop Hunt would like to urge all of us in Centerville Ward to attend our Sacrament meetings more frequently. Our Sacrament meetings are the most important ones held and we should make a special effort to attend them. The Lord has told us in the Doctrine and Covenants, section 59, verse 9, "And that you mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy sacraments upon my holy day;"

Also in section 43, verses 8 and 9. "And now, behold, I give unto you a commandment, that when ye are assembled together ye shall instruct and edify each other, that ye may know how to act and direct my church, how to act upon the points of my law and commandments, which I have given. And thus ye shall become instructed in the law of my church and be sanctified by that which ye have received, and ye shall bind yourselves to act in all holiness before me."

Our everyday live will be enriched if we start out each week by attending our Sacrament meeting and partaking of the Spirit of the Lord. We have much to gain by doing so.

San Francisco Stake

Two Distinguished Men, Families, Join Stake; Conf. is Held

By Jean Lauper

Two distinguished men and thier families have recently arrived in San Francisco Stake to make their homes. Lt. Col. Theodore E. Curtis Jr., US Army, has been named post chaplain at the Presidio of San Francisco. Chaplain Curtis has served in London, England, and as deputy chaplain of the Seventh Army Headquarters in Germany. In the Far East he served as U.S. base chaplain in Kobe, Japan, as division chaplain of the 40th Infantry Division, South Pacific. He and Sister Curtis have established their residence at the Presidio.

Irven G. Derrick who was a member of the High Council of the new Atlanta Stake has been promoted to Traffic Bureau chief of the Associated Press and transferred to San Francisco with his family.

San Francisco Stake was treated to a delightful evening when the Chinese-Polynesian Branch produced an entertainment entitled "Calypso." The original story which was written around a number of popular Calypso songs, the interesting choreography, and the costumes, were all done by the young members of the branch. The accompaniment consisted entirely of guitar and drums, skillfully played. The scenery was imaginative and effective. Although many took outstanding parts, Whitney Te'o played the starring role of 'Joe' and directed the production.

SINCE IT IS the responsibility of the stake members to furnish, if possible, names for their own temple work, two classes in research, both on a STAKE WIDE basis should be noted: The beginners class under the direction of Sister Ettiene Schier is held Wednseday evenings at 7:30 at Mission Ward in connection with Balboa Second Ward MIA. The Advance class also taught by Sister Schier, is held Tuesday at 7:30 in the Sunset Ward. Ervin S. McDonald heads the committee sponsoring these lessons. The coming schedule for endowments includes both men and women on the second Saturday of each month. The fourth Saturday is for Priesthood members only. The last special Priesthood session found San Francisco stake in second place among the 38 groups of our Temple area, with an attendance of 114 per cent.

The stake Relief Society organization announces the release of Sister Mabel Liddell as a member of the board. She joins her husband as a stake missionary. Called to take Sister Liddell's place as Theology leader is Sister Bridget Berry of Novato.

The recent Stake Conference of the year was held September 28

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PARTICIPANTS in a single day's baptismal service in Obregon, Sonora, Mexico, where the labors of Elder Smith and his missionary companions were unusually fruitful.

MEXICAN FAMILY, all members of which attend LDS meetings. Such families made it necessary for missionaries to become carpenters temporarily to provide more seating space.

Los Altos Ward

Missionary In Mexico Gives Help To Afflicted, To Men In Prison

By Dallas S. Burch

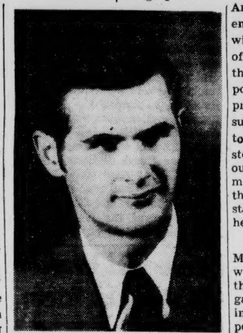
(Editor's note: Since this story was written the Messenger received word that Elder Smith has been designated as president of the LDS Branch at Hermosillo, Mexico.)

Use of tape-recorded Tabernacle music; carrying the gospel to prison inmates; teaching a blind, deaf, and crippled woman; and building benches for growing congregations—tnese are but a few of the activities of Elder J. Elbert Smith, better known to his friends as "Bert," in the mission field in Mexico.

Within approximately a year and a half he has served in Monterey, Victoria, Obregon, and Hermosillo, all within the scope of the Northern Mexican Mission of which Joseph T. Bentley is president. Obregon proved to be an especially fruitful field. His letters to his parents Glenn E. and Violet B. Smith, active in the Los Altos Ward, reveal a medley of challenging problems, all undertaken with enthusiasm and most of them successfully met.

EARLY IN HIS mission he foresaw the value of a tape recorder for bringing into Mexican villages the music of the Tabernacle choir and inspiring messages from church leaders. Familiar with the complications and uncertainties of international shipment, he arranged for delivery of the recorder to the nearest United States border town where he personally called for it. "I had no trouble getting across," he reported, "not even a question concerning its use. I guess the Lord wants me to have it." It has served its purpose admirably, new recordings being sent from time to time by his parents in Los Altos and by his brother, Gerald, in Berkeley.

On another occasion he wrote, "We have four fine investigators in the State penitentiary. They hold Gospel classes among themselves. They are repentant and show the fruits of the Gospel. Besides learning Spanish himself, Elder Smith has held classes for Mexicans who wish to learn English. The woman, previously mentioned, who could neither see nor hear had an eight-year-old daughter who could converse with her through hand movements. "It is really remarkable," he observed," how the child can convey every word we say."



ELDER J. ELBERT SMITH . . . missionary from Los Altos Ward.

THUS FAR elder Smith has served with six different missionary companions, two of them Mexicans. Among the many religious experiences reported by investigators with whom he worked was the case of a woman who developed a strong though strange testimony of the power of prayer. "She had been praying to the 'saints' without results. But when she stopped praying to them and prayed to God instead, her husband who had been out of work for three months promptly found a good job. More than that, she was able to obtain a substantial sum of money needed for her family."

Elder Smith reports that the Mexican people with whom he has worked are rapidly learning to think for themselves. Some investigators of the church talk to and interest others, and thus the Gospel spreads. One recent convert, a young woman of 22, is already preparing to serve as a missionary. At the end of his first six months as senior companion, elder Smith reported 35 baptisms of which eight were in one family. And of a Sunday School attendance of about 30, more than half were investigators. Such developments necessitated his becoming a part-time carpenter to build enough half-size benches for the children whose parents brought them to Sunday School and eacrament meetings. "I was glad," he commented, "to have the knowledge of how to work with tools and do a good job."

THOUGH MENTIONING that a missionary needs the enthusiasm of firecracker, the patience of Job, and the courage of a lion tamer, Elder Smith also relates how compassion sometimes tears at the heart strings. "One member had need to bury his baby daughter. He was so poor that he had to make the coffin, gather flower from the field, and with the help a a son dig and fill in the grave. It was very hard for me to watch the poor man nail the lid down over his baby. I had baptized four people whom he had interested in the church and there will be more."

As former chorister in the Los Altos Ward, Elder Smith has carried this interest into the mission field, along with his talent for the clarinet and ability to arrange music. Of necessity much of his time is spent in tracting and in holding cottage meetings, sometimes in palm-leaf-roofed houses. Special problems have included the holding of baptisms when the only water available was scarcely two feet deep, with sharp lava rock at the bottom. A recent letter, contained the observation: The Gospel is taught by reason, and every person, genius or illiterate can learn if he wants to. We use pictures to help teach the ones who can't read and it is surprising how well they learn. And the more one preaches the greater testimony he gains.

Hill Cumorah Pageant Described

(Three girls of Redwood City Ward attending the BYU, were called to participate in the Hill Cumorah Pageant at Palmyra, New York. They are Eileen and LoRane Packer, and Helen Hanni. Upon their return home they prepared the following account of a memorable experience).

After four days and nights on the bus we arrived with the BYU group tired but happy, at Palmyra, New York, where we were assigned to live in the homes of people in the community. To our surprise the Hill Cumorah, about four miles from town, was not barren, but was covered with trees and shurbs, in a beautiful area of green hills.

The cast of the pageant requred some 320 actors and crew members, including 115 BYU students, 165 Eastern States missionaries, and 40 members from the mission. While individual tryouts for the leads and speaking parts was under way, the balance of the cast met in study class on the side of the hill. There we were taught the Systematic Plan for teaching the Gospel, and also heard numerous talks. After a couple of days they even began calling upon us for talks.

FOR ALMOST the entire first week it seemed that all we did was participate in the study class. While we were gaining a valuable tool to help us explain the Gospel to others, we began to wonder how the pageant ever would come off on schedule. However, parts were being assigned and individual scenes were being blocked out.

Finally on Saturday we did the first run-through. It was a thrill, in spite of the rough places to see the ideas and stories of the Book of Mormon come to life, and to realize the potential of the Pageant as a missionary tool. There was also a sobering responsibility for each of us in making it a success.

From this time on, the Pageant progressed rapidly. We were called to help with the costumes, both ironing and sewing. Many costumes for the leads were new this year, and some of them were elaborate. We also worked on clean-up and lunch details.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT was dress rehearsal. Now the Book of Mormon came alive as each scene was portrayed in full costume, with lights, accompanied by the musical score written especially for the Pageant by Dr. Crawford Gates. The dress rehearsal had rough spots, especially in the technical aspects, and at midnight we began again. In the off-stage area sleeping Nephites, Lamanites, and Roman soldiers were awakened just in time to join their scenes. We completed the rehearsal at 3 a.m., and in spite of the late hour we all felt it had been worth the effort. We were ready.

Thursday night the crowd began gathering early. We mingled with the group, giving away programs and selling copies of the Book of Mormon, and, when possible, striking up conversations about the Pageant and the message of the Gospel.

AS DARKNESS CAME the cast was found costumed and eager offstage. In prayer we asked that we might be able to put across the message of the Book of Mormon as the Word of God. Then five white-robed heralds, silhouetted atop Hill Cumorah, raised their trumpets high and the 16th presentation of "America's Witness for Christ" began. As each of us moved onstage we felt, whether our part was large or small, that we were bearing our testimonies to those assembled.

In three nights the Pageant was presented to 95,000 people. As one newspaper wrote, "It is the production's extra dimension—a quality of spiritual majesty," that accounts for the large crowds and brings people back year after year.

A great deal of praying went into the Pageant, and we saw our prayers answered time after time, often beyond what we had asked. For us taking part in this production, it was a spiritual experience. Our lives have been touched, and we hope we can live the Gospel better and teach it to others.

Dr. Merrill

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peared that only about two or three per cent of the people were attending the few churches and synagogs in Leningrad and other centers.

The Russians combine preventive with curative medicine. "For years it was separated; now it is all one system," he said .

Hospitalization is all free under the Soviet system, but there is no ban on private practice and there is a limited amount of private practice in the larger cities such as Moscow. People pay for some medicines given on an out-patient basis.

Dr. Merrill found that hospitals, clinics and other facilities are below American standards but the Russians informed him that the top priority had been placed on training physicians; buildings will come next. In one case he found a 50-oed hospital that obtained water by lowering a bucket into a well.

THE QUANTITY of doctors surpasses that in the U.S.; one for every 650 people as against one for every 750 people here. But again, the quality is not as good. In Russia a man can become a doctor with a total of 16 years training, six of this being medical training. It requires a total of 21 years in the U.S.

"In some of the larger hospitals in the cities, however, we met some really qualified doctors," he said.

"We observed a great deal of obesity among the people, especially in the cities," he said. "The young people appear to be healthy and well-fed."

He said he and his four colleages suspect the Russians have a tuberculosis problem and polio is increasing as it did in the U.S. about 30 years ago. "But they don't admit having an alcoholism problem."

One of the recurring questions asked of the five Americans was: "Why do you have so much alcoholism, mental disease and venereal disease?"

But Dr. Merrill and the other "Amerikanskis" had an answer for that. They replied, in effect: "We are not in a position **to compare** these problems with yours, because in those three fields **you** haven't supplied **us** with good data."

IN A NUMBER of fields the Americans obtained no solid statistics, either because the Soviets didn't have it, or were unwilling to provide it, the five Americans found.

Child care centers, where tots from six months to three years of age are cared or are clean and well-operated in Russia, Dr. Merrill said. A woman is permitted to quit work two months before delivery time, and to remain at home for another two months after the birth of her child. The babies are breast-fed and for a time are kept in nurseries at the mother's place of employment.

Los Altos Ward

Gain Wisdom Through Religion, Bishop Lyle B. Egan Advises

Wisdom is one of the most worthy goals one can seek and an excellent means of acquiring it is by study of the Scriptures. This is the main theme of a sermonette by Bishop Lyle B Egan, of the Los Altos Ward, in the Los Altos News of Sept. 12. In support of his counsel to prefer wisdom to wealth, fame, power, pleasure, and many other common goals of life, Bishop Egan cites two main reasons:

One is that wisdom enriches our lives on earth through giving proper direction to the use of the knowledge we gradually build up.

The other is the added incentive that "wisdom remains with the spirit when it enters the mysterious realm we call heaven." Thus, he declares, wisdom is an exception to the much-quoted statement: You can't take it with you. Rather, he adds, those who share our belief in human progression and immortality hold that "wisdom acquired on earth may indeed become part of one's heavenly personality."

Regarding the Scriptures as a source of wisdom, the bishop points out that they are largely biographical, revealing the effects of mistakes as well as correct dicisions—all as they affect human life and, by subconscious inference, one's own life. The study of biographies, he adds, is a much better means of gaining wisdom, for use on a 7-day-a-week basis, than the expensive trial-and-error method of personal expeience. He explains further that, "Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints believe that God has spoken not only through the characters in the Bible but also through latter-day prophets to whom he has revealed additional knowledge and counsel." On the broad subject of knowledge, wisdom, and intelligence, the admonitions from these sources, comprising several books, parallel those of the Bible.

The Los Altos News conducts a Clergyman's Corner to which religious leaders of the area are invited to contribute.. The present sermonette of which this item is only a brief summary, is entitled, Gaining Wisdom by Religion, and is the second one this year from Bishop Egan.

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Palo Alto First

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The very large attendance at the last of three roller skating parties was indicative of the fun the Summer Mutual Program provided for its members. On the third Mondays of June, July, and August the deep Peninsula young people and their families gathered at the Redwood City Roller Rink where they all had a lot of fun.

The congeniality of the group was further enhanced by the contortions that were seen. But proficiency was soon displayed as nearly forgotten skills were revived and novices developed new techniques.

The variety of the musical numbers which accompanied the skating offered everyone, his favorite tempo. Many of the couples looked professional after three evenings of practice. Occasionally there was skating for threesomes, and this combination, too, provided many interesting moments for both performers and spectators. Ladies tag was another specihl favorite.

The Rink is well set up for a sizable crowd such as these combined Palo Alto area wards, furnishing for a small fee the boots with skates attached. The combined Mutuals reserved the Rink on those evenings for their exclusive use.

Historical Marker At Mormon Island

The historical old gold mining town of Mormon Island, burned in 1856 and never restored, has a new historical marker.

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Gold was discovered at the site by two members of the Mormon Battalion and the town, founded by miners, once had a population of 2,500.

In attendance on the occasion were Elder Mark E. Peterson, of the Council of the Twelve; President Kate B. Carter of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers; Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, of California, and Nicholas G. Morgan, Fred Curtis and Virgil Peterson of the Salt Lake Division, Sons of Utah Pioneers, among others.

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He received his A.B. degree from Utah State College. He married Laura Crawford Snow of Salt Lake City, and there are three children, Judith, 17; Jill, 16; and Lund Morgan 12. He served as bishop of Dimond Ward, Oakland, 1941-43, and as bishop of Palo Alto Ward, 1950-53, after which he became a member of the high council. He is an executive of Lakeside Butter Company, a division of Safeway Stores.

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San Carlos Ward Bishop Leetham Names Smith, Daines Counselors

H. S. Manwaring

Recently sustained as Bishop of the San Carlos Ward, Joel E. Leetham selected as his counselors Barclay E. Smith and Nolan H. Daines. John Toro was retained as ward clerk.

Born in Salt Lake in 1927, Joel Leetham spent his early years in Phoenix, Arizona. After two years in the Central Atlantic States Missin as Missionary, from 1948 to 1950 he attended Stanford University and was graduated in 1952.

His Church activities have been varied including stake activity YMMIA director, ward clerk, president of the Elders Quorum, second counselor in the San Carlos Ward Bishopric, first counselor and present bishop.

Barclay Smith was born in Salt Lake City in 1922 and moved to California in 1940. Since becoming active in the San Carlos Ward he has been deacons' advisor, YMMIA president and now first counselor in the Bishopric.

Nolan H. Daines was born in Hyde Park, Utah, in 1924 where he attended school, later graduating from Utah State University at Logan in 1949. He lived in Colorado until 1952 and then in Seattle until 1956. Now living in San Carlos, he works for the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. as civil engineer. His church activities have included YMMIA superintendent, MIA and Sunday School teacher, assistant Clerk for ward teaching, counselor in Elders Quorum presidency, ward financial clerk and presently second counselor in the San Carlos Ward Bishopric.

John Toro, a convert to the church in 1949, has an impressive record of continuous activity since that time. At present, in addition to his duties as ward clerk, he is chairman of the Scout committee and ward teacher. Prior to this he has been president of priests quorum, teacher in elders quorum, chairman ward genealogy committee, teacher, Special Interest Class MIA, member Stake general board, president Elders Quorum, secretary Senior Aaronic Priesthood group, ward teacher district supervisor second counselor, Sunday School superintendency, secretary, Ward Welfare Committee. He designed and supervised the installation of the sound amplyfing system in the San Carlos Ward Chapel Building. He is the head of an Electronics manufacturing concern.

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Christmas shopping will be enjoyable and easy on the pocketbook at the San Mateo Ward Christmas Fair Saturday, November 9, between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Fair-goers will find games, toys, doll clothes, clothing Christmas gifts, food and music at the San Mateo Ward, 17th and Alameda in San Mateo.

Supper will be served between 5 and 7 p.m.—well within means of a limited budget, announees Millie Hansen, general chairman. Orders are now being taken for exotic cone and driftwood arrangements.

Working with Chairman Hansen are Harriett Zietschel, finance; Marie Bliss, publicity, and Faye Stoker, dinner. Chairmen for various booths are Reatha Bates, Irene Hammond, Willma Eustice, Dorothy Larsen, Azelle Hockstrasser, Marge Skankey, Audry Sant and many others assisting.

Fiesta Building Utilized For Historic Conference

By Samuel W. Taylor

For months there had been rumors. Now it was official. It was announced from the rostrum. An official letter went to every household in the stake, informing the 7,613 members that Palo Alto Stake was to be divided at conference, September 15.

Setting for the conference was unique. Since no Church building on the Peninsula could hold the expected crowd, the huge Fiesta building at the San Mateo County fairgrounds was rented for the occasion. This structure, 45 by 115 yards, has almost the capacity of a football gridiron.

TO PROVIDE SEATING, the Elders' quorums of the eleven wards and one branch of the stake hauled folding chairs from the chapels. Trucks sped in and out of the building with loads of materials for the rostrum, for the decorations, for the seating platform, for the choir. A loudspeaker system was installed, an electric organ, facilities for tape recording the music and the speeches. A stepladder was left inside for the use of photographers. The stake choir of 150 voices was rehearsed for the big occasion, which would be the last time they would sing together.

And on Sunday morning, 2,540 Mormons, the largest group ever to assemble in the Stake, arrived for conference. It was a full day. Pride in the vigorous growth of the Church in the area now was tempered with sadness at the severing of old associations and the parting of friends who had grown close in the Lord's work together. One speaker after another broke under the welling emotion of the situation.

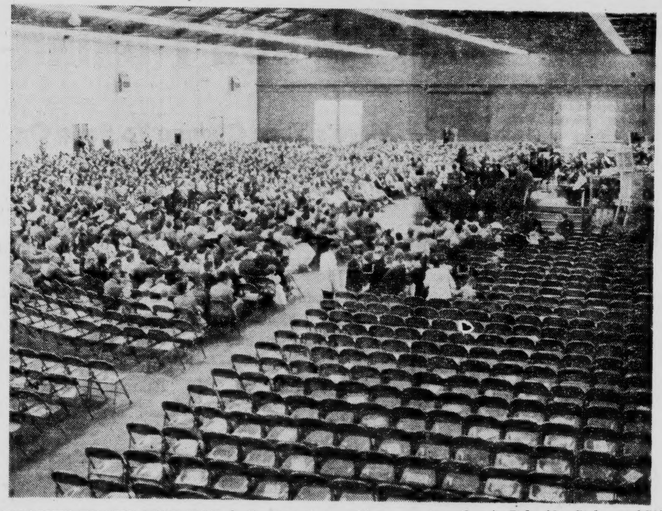
MAIN ENTRANCE to one of the most unusual events ever to be held in the San Mateo fairgrounds. However, this gate was locked, and entrance was made by another.

THE MORNING SESSION was adjourned, and still the new stake presidency had not been announced. Traditionally, the afternoon session is not so well attended. This was the exception. There was expectancy as to who would be the new leaders, much guessing, no betting. And then when the names were announced for sustaining there was a warm feeling of completion. Why had there been any guessing? Here, obviously, was the best choice, the only choice, the inspired choice.

When the final prayer was offered, another last song "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," was sung by the congregation, even though conference stood adjourned. "As a personal favor to me," said President Haight, "to close this glorious day." And then the crowd began to disperse. The old order was gone, the Lord's house had been set in order for a new day.

MANY LINGERED to shake hands with the new officers. The congratulations were still being offered when the trucks drove in again, and men began taking away the chairs, the rostrum, the loudspeaker system, the organ, the greens the flowers, and whatever it was that had made this building different for this day.

Before long the Fiesta building was once again a vast and echoing cavern, awaiting next year's fair. Charlie Cunningham, the custodian, turned off the lights and locked the doors. Then he went home, too.



DWARFED BY THE HUGE HALL is the largest assemblage ever to gather in Palo Alto Stake, as 2,540 LDS attended the conference which divided the largest Stake in Northern California into two, Palo Alto and San Mateo.

Palo Alto Stake

Top Choir Built By LaVeda Gibb Sings Swan Song At Conference

The final hymn of the morning session of the Palo Alto quarterly conference was the swan song of the combined Stake Choir. A well-trained organization of 150 voices, and known as one of the finest Stake choirs in the Church, it sang its final number, and then disbanded. With the division of the Stake, it never will sing again.

The choir, built from scratch by its energetic leader, Stake Chorister LaVeda Gibb, is less than a decade old, being just one of the many things about the Church that has shown astonishing development on the Peninsula during the past few years.

When appointed Stake Chorister, LaVeda Gibb was a general without an army. There was no choir at all, not even in any ward of the Stake. What choir work had been done was on a hit-and-miss basis—occasionally a group would assemble together to sing, and then would disband.

FIRST OF ALL, she organized a choir in her own ward, San Mateo, then helped organize choirs in Palo Alto and in the San Jose ward, the latter then part of the Stake. As new wards were established, she used the San Mateo choir to raise funds for organs, by giving concerts, and at the same time stimulated interest in choir work.

STAKE CHORISTER LaVeda Gibb, who built the Palo Alto Stake Choir from scratch, directs its final performance. (Photo by Bob Mahany, 1926 Vera Ave., Redwood City.)

The combined Stake choir came about through the annual Music Festivals. As a result of these, she was asked to form a combined Stake choir—"Just as I was hoping," she says. And she did.

The basis of a Stake choir is a solid core of good ward choirs. Meetings were held twice a year to plan the program for the Stake conferences. It was the custom to have the Stake choir supply the music for the morning session of the conference, and, in the afternoon, to let a ward choir and its director have the experience of performing before a large audience.

LaVEDA GIBB'S WORK with the choir becomes understandable upon a visit to the Gibb homestead in San Mateo. In the living room are three grand pianos.

Her husband, Stanley S. Gibb of the high council, was asked, "How can you possibly get by with only three pianos.?"

"We don't," he said. "LaVeda has another one upstairs. A small one."

An hour before conference began, choirs of seven wards gathered at the vast Fiesta building for practice before the session was opened. The practice was brief. They were ready. And if the 2,540 people who attended the morning session felt the music was exceptionally good, it might have been for good reason. This was farewell.

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Rodeo Ward

Annual Bazaar On October 25

By Una Ellsworth

The Rodeo Ward fall bazaar opens October 25 at the Veterans' Memorial hall on Rodeo avenue, near Fourth street. Ladies of the Relief Society are busy these days making all kinds of pretty and useful articles for the event. There will also be a carnival and plenty of food to eat. The public is invited.

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Higby-Babble Rites Impressive

By Una Ellsworth

Miss Carolyn Higby was a beautiful bride when she said "I do" to Robert Babble at an impressive wedding ceremony in the Richmond chapel August 1. Bishop Vernal Horn of Rodeo Ward performed the ceremony. The new Mrs. Babble is the granddaughter of Mrs. Fay L. Slothower. The young couple will make their home in San Diego where both are employed.

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and 29 without a church authority being present. Speakers included President J. Leonard Love of the Northern California Mission and President David Haight of Palo Alto Stake. A new singing group made its first appearance at this conference, a stake choir made up of members of the wards and branches recommended by ward music directors and called by the stake presidency. Music for both morning and afternoon sessions was furnished by this choir.

THE SYMPATHY of the stake is extended to Dr. Henry C. Savage of the San Rafael Ward Bishopric in the loss of his lovely wife, Marjorie Hatch Savage. Sister Savage leaves seven children, the eldest, Henry C. Savage Jr. is fulfilling a mission in the Southern States.

There have been two recent releases of Stake Primary Board members. Sister Louise Pew, Rainbow Leader, who is expecting her sixth child, and Sister Emma Draper, Star Leader who has been called to be Relief Society President of Mission Ward.

The Sunday School announces several new board members: Stanley Allen of Balboa Second Ward, recently sustained as second assistant Superintendent. He comes from New Orleans Stake where he served as stake Sunday School Superintendent. Phyllis Evans of Balboa Ward, who will be stake advisor of course No. 15. Sister Evans has been serving as Secretary of Balboa Sunday School. Diane Politis of Mission Ward who has been teaching Course No. 7 and will be stake advisor in the same. Jennie Starkey who has served as YWMIA President of Balboa Ward now returns to the Sunday School Board as advisor in course No. 5. Rorie Bybee from Sunset Ward who will be stake advisor to course No. 1 Sister Bybee recently arrived from New York where she served in the Junior Sunday School.

Stake Sunday School preparation meetings are again being held every fourth Sunday after a recess of two months. For the months of September, October and November films pertaining to the Sunday School work and of interest to all church members will be shown during preliminary exercises. Teacher training classes are now beginning in each ward under the stake supervision of Bessie Schettler.

A SOCIAL was held Thursday, Sept. 19 in connection with Stake Leadership Meeting honoring two Board members who will be leaving to be married and reside in other stakes. Betty Larsen will wed Marvin Moss of San Francisco Ward and they will reside in Berkeley. Carolyn Dally will wed in October and make her new home in Sacramento. The party was attended by 13 Sunday School Board members and their partners. Refreshments were served and a gift presented to each girl. Betty Shill entertained the group with readings.

Jim Tomlinson of San Rafael Ward has been called as assistant District Scout Commissioner and Explorer Advisor of Marin County. In the capacity he will handle the administration of the program. Jim, who is a real 'Boys man' showed his first interest in the Scouting program when he was a boy in Sausalito in 1923. He became a Life Scout in 1927 and some time after that became Scoutmaster for the Jewish Boys Center in San Francisco. Three years ago he became neighborhood Commissioner for the Corte Madera area in which he lives and about the same time Scoutmaster of San Rafael Ward. In November Jim and his son Louis will both become Eagle Scouts in a Father—Son court of honor.

Jim's hobby is archeology and he spends considerable vacation time exploring the ruins of ancient Mexico.

BEGINNING January 1st every Thursday night has been cleared of church meetings and will be considered a 'Family night.' This will require the changing or cancelling of a number of meetings, but should prove to be a blessing to the families of the stake.

Mrs. Serge J. Lauper traveled to Provo, Utah, recently to welcome a new grandchild. Little Elizabeth Gates, the third child and second daughter of Crawford and Georgia (Lauper) Gates was born August 29.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AT MISSION WARD, San Francisco, is being operated smoothly and efficiently by this group of leaders, newly-named to the superintendency. From left, they are: Don R. Smith, first assistant superintendent; Ethel Titus, Junior Sunday School coordinator; Leon N. Swenson, superintendent; Ida Biglow, secretary, and Jerry R. Greenwood, second assistant superintendent.

Mission Ward

Six Graduated From Primary

Primary graduation exercises were held on Sunday evening, Sept. 15 honoring three girls, Bonnie Raymond, Janice Draper, Dixine Gillespie, and three boys, Glen Tuia, Ricky Martini and Byron Laws. The three boys were ordained to the office of Deacon in the Aaronic Pritshood along with John Unck on the same day. Robert Hipskind and Mark Liddel, former Deacons were ordained to the office of Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Sept. 1 in Fast Meeting, Leane Ella Bowen, little daughter of Robert and Lois VanWorkham Bowen, was blessed by her father. The following persons were confirmed members of the Church, Penelope Jean Clark, daughter of Eugene and Vera Linton Clark; Diane and Mildred Nawahine, daughters of Henry K. and Thelma Makaiwi Nawahine; Kim Smith, son of Don and Venna Jensen Smith; Carl Moss, son of Carl and Mildred Tonks Moss and Leon R. Baut, an adult who was recently converted. We welcome and congratulate all these new members.

The Mission Ward Relief Society was re-organized on Sunday, Aug. 18 with Sister Emma Draper, president; Leanora Barber, first counselor; Patricia Tanner, second counselor and Rose Child, secretary. The opening social was held on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Congratulations are in order for Sister Helen Stolzenburg who is celebrating the birth of her first grandson. The boy arrived on Sept. 12 in San Luis Obispo and has been given the name Steven William by his parentas, William and Lois Kelly Stolzenburg. The Newell Drapers are also proudly accepting best wishes from their many friends upon the birth of their first grandson. David Bruce Gardiner arrived in Ogden, Utah on Aug. 25, first son of Bruce and Claudia Draper Gardiner.

We express our sympathy and understanding to Sister Josephine Hamilton in the death of her son, Robert Earl Hamilton, after a long and painful illness on Sept. 16. Also our sympathy to the family of Agnes Reese Wilcox, age 75, who died recently. Sister Wilcox was a native of Idaho but had lived in Mission Ward for several years.

The Balboa-Mission Seminary is well under way for its third year of study and happy association. The course this year is the Book of Mormon which already is promoting unusual interest and development. The first Seminary Breakfast was held on Friday morning Sept. 20 at 7 a.m. Leon Liddell, teacher, reports 30 students enrolled.

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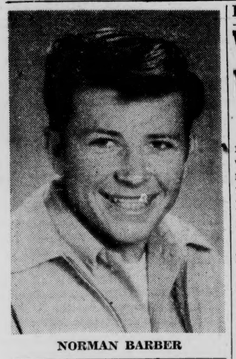

NORMAN BARBER

Mission Ward

Norman Barber Award Winner

The second 'Duty to God' award given in the Mission Ward was given to Norman Barber in Sacrament Meeting on Sunday evening, Sept. 15. This particular honor represents the culmination of four years of effort in Preisthood, Sunday School and MIA activities. Norman has fulfilled the requirements for the individual Araonic Priesthood award for four years and is a Seminary graduate. He is now serving as a Sunday School class officer and as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for troop 107. Norman, a senior student at Balboa High School, is San Francisco, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Barber.

San Francisco Ward

5 Grads Honored For Sr. A. P. Party

By Echo May

A potluck dinner and graduation party, in the San Francisco Ward Recreation hall, September 5 honored the first class from the Ward Senior Aaronic Priesthood school. The School, under the direction of Brother Udell E. Poulsen, started May 16 and met each Thursday night for 12 lessons. Nineteen persons attended at least part of the classes, and five persons attended every class or made up the work; and thus became eligible for graduation. Graduated were: Frank Baker, Mavis Keller, Thomas Keller, Donald Perkins, and Thomas Welch.

To honor the graduates other members of the Senior Aaronic Priesthood and their wives were invited to the dinner; 32 attended. Following the dinner an excellent program had been arranged, at the conclusion of which the graduates were recognized and presented to the group.

A new school was started Thursday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m., and will continue to meet each Thursday night through December 5.

On Aug. 31, seven members of the San Francisco Ward journeyed by auto to Los Angeles to attend the Priesthood sessions in the Temple. Twenty endowments were completed by Kenneth Glew, Udell Poulsen, John Carleton, Gordon Paxman, William Morrison, Otto Shill, and Dale Burnett.

In our ever-changing ward several new leadership appointments have been made. David Chaffee was sustained as new Superintendent of the Sunday School, with Michael Yockinaka and Myron Frazier as his counselors. In the Relief Society Ruth Wayman became the new Work Director Counselor, and Lenore Vincent assumed the duties of Work Meeting Director. The Boy Scouts received a fine new Scoutmaster in the person of Bent Mouritsen, with his brother, Villy Mouritsen as assistant.

Balboa Second

Ward Dinner Yields $280

By Lola Geary

The ward dinner held Sept. 6 for the benefit of the ward budget was an enjoyable success. The ward netted $280. The dinner was tasty, tables pretty, service good, company excellent, and program sponsored by the M Men hilarious, Dick Valentine was master of ceremonies, and a trio comprised of Mary Carlson, Erma Williams, and Joann Baird sang several numbers. An accordian solo by Michael O'Mara, a two part comedy by Edgar Williams and a men's trio by Walter Nelson, Stan Allen and Joseph Elders rounded out the program.

Baptisms: Lu Anne Ahlf and Vicki Collette Geary. Ordinations: Bruce Glenn Kenner and James L. Sullivan, Teachers. New babies blessed: Michael Dean Williams and Kendel J. Dean.

The YMMIA has been reorganized. Thanks is extended to the retiring officers and a bright future to the new officers—Richard Cook, president; Terry Powell, age group councilor; Orval Taylor, activity counselor and Frank Austin, M. Men teacher. The Mutual recently purchased volley ball equipment.

Emphasis is being placed on the Era drive and Sunday School budget Sunday.

The Ward Anniversary Dinner will be held Oct. 11—our FIFTH. Ward conference will begin with a Priesthood meeting Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13 at 9 a.m. first session of ward conference, and at 4:45 p.m., second session at which officers will be sustained.

The bishop and his family have returned from their vacation.

Sister Florence Hansen is recovering from a major operation although slowly.

The bishop has a different office located at the top of the stairs by the side entrance (library) which was decorated by the Priests Quorum.

Attention is invited to the passing of the sacrament. Our young boys do a supurb job and if you haven't seen them in action for some time you have missed seeing how well they work together in this sacred ordinance. Good work boys!

BISHOP'S MESSAGE
By Bishop John O. Breckon

During the course of operating the ward the problem of finances is constantly with us. We would like to call the attention of each family to their responsibility in helping us maintain a building that is well lighted and well heated for the convenience of our services. These conveniences can only be maintained by each one shouldering his share of the cost of operations.

If there is any question of the amount that should be contributed it can be found out through conact with any member of the bishopric. The Bishopric wishes to compliment those who have so faithfully given their contribution in the past years to our organization as a ward.

Redwood City Ward

Leaders Added To Sunday School

Wayne Alson, superintendent of the Redwoood City Ward Sunday School, announces that, with the following members added to the Sunday School staff, his organization is now complete: Lynn Austin, teen-age class; Dr. Clifford Curtis, family relations class; Jack Wilson, thirteen year old class; Thelma Curtis, organist; Nadine Wilcox and Sharlene Walker for the Junior Sunday School; Bert Howard, teacher trainer class, which will have its first lesson Sept. 29.

Burlingame Ward

Wheelwrights Return From Tour With New Art, Music Materials

A round-the-world search for lecture materials on music and art recently ended for D. Sterling Wheelwright, of Millbrae, who returned from a five months journey. As professor of music and humanities at San Francisco State College he devoted his sabbatical year to the tour and its preparation. He flew from the west coast last March in time to photograph the Japanese cherry blossom festivals. After visits to southeast Asia, India and the Middle East, he was joined in Paris by Mrs. Wheelwright and a group of Bay Area residents on his fifth annual music and art tour of Europe.

"Life in the East is a man's world and a woman's burden," commented Dr. Wheelwright, in reviewing his adventures. "The exquisite embroidery in Kashmir, for instance, is all done by the men. When I asked where their women worked, they pointed out to the fields where the farm labor was mostly feminine."

USING EXAMPLES of lacquerware from Japan, silks from Thailand and India, and 1500 color slides taken enroute, Dr. Wheelwright will continue his popular lectures before club and school audiences on the west coast. Music which he heard as guest of state radio studios in Japan, India and Yugoslavia, will be incorporated in a magnetic tape background.

"American travelers were welcomed everywhere," he continued. "Even in Nepal, the little buffer state between India and Tibet, where less than a thousand Americans have ever visited, the wheat harvesters and temple workers paused for greetings and photographs. The people of Yugoslavia were most cordial, and spoke of the American aid and Care packages, and commented freely on the tyranny of their eastern neighbors.

"I CAN AGREE with Augustine's observation that the world is a great book of which they that never stir from home read only a page."

Elder Wheelwright was formerly assistant director of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, and for seven years organist and chapel director for the church in Washington, D.C. In 1943 he and his wife, Edna, and their two children moved to the Palo Alto Ward, and his new position as organist and choir director at Stanford University. Since 1946 he has taught at San Francisco State College, and in 1953 started the study tours to Europe, which next summer will be expanded to include a new tour around the world.

The Wheelwrights are active in the Burlingame Ward, and their daughter, Carol Jean Turnbow, works in the MIA in Culver City, and their son, David also married, is active in the Shreveport, Louisiana ward.

Their recent flight home from Europe was made more pleasurable by the company of Marie Holmes, of Berkeley Second Ward, who shared a compartment with them in a beautiful day time flight across America.

Mission Ward

Sharon Collins, John Salas Wed

An afternoon ceremony on Aug. 24 in Mission Ward Chapel in San Francisco, joined in marriage Miss Sharon Collins and John Salas. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Collins, was lovely in traditional white wedding gown of embroidered chiffon with shortened veil caught in an attractive tiara of seed pearls and orange blossoms.

Lovely rose and blue gowns were donned by the attendants, who were, Mrs. Cliff Harper, matron of honor; and Joan Kramer and Rose Coito, bridesmaids. The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Salas, was attended by Bob McLure as best man with Dyke Kramer and Dave Coito as ushers. Sonja Swenson played soft organ music throughout the ceremony which was performed by Wallace N. Allred of the San Francisco Stake Presidency.

Bay Ward

Pioneer Wagons Theme, Bazaar

By Ruth Hill

An old-time chuckwagon dinner will highlight the Bay Ward Relief Society Bazaar at 6 p.m. Friday, October 18. Covered wagon pioneer decorations will set the mood for the event in the San Francisco-Bay Ward social hall at 1649 Hayes St., San Francisco.

Acoording to Mrs. Merle Dorius, Relief Society President, the affair will climax an eventful first year for the organization since the birth of the new ward November 4 of last year.

Several months preparation by members of both the morning session and the business women's evening Relief Society group has gone into the handcrafts to be sold, she states.

A lineful of modern "Apron around the clock" is to compete with a booth of colorful ceramics, aluminum trays and copper-on-enamel jewelry to be sold. Stuffed animals of every description will dominate the booth for children. Home-baked breads cakes and other foods will also be sold in connection with the dinner.

A special display is to be made of a rare heirloom quilt of the double wedding ring design which is being quilted as a special order by the quilting group and which is the first of several such orders recently received by the organization.

Mrs. Amy Koldewyn and Mrs. Loretta Wyatt, counselors are co-chairmen for the event.

Word of Wisdom Gives Gus Schier Swimming Power

Many relatives and friends of genial Gustav Schier, mechancial engineer son of Mrs. G. E. Schier, were on the bay cruiser "Harbor Queen to witness the 28th annual South End Rowing Club's rough-water distance swimmers Golden Gate Swim on Sept. ember sixteenth. He was the recipient of the Bruno Botto Trophy.

The Coast Guard supervised this classic swim, which started from the rocky beach near the Coast Guard station on the San Francisco side of the Golden Gate and finished at the Lime Point lighthouse on the Marin shore.

Jim Lee, former Stanford star, using a powerful crawl stroke, splashed to first place, with others in close pursuit. This was Gus Schier's first attempt in a successful swim from shore to shore.

What's his training secret? "Word of Wisdom routine—orange juice, bananas, and raw eggs—took me across the Golden Gate with good feeling and strength all the way. I also lost fifty pounds with this mixture and training for the event. My mother Mrs. Schier, saved on cooking and had more time for genealogy," said son Gustavo.

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Answers To Mormon History Quiz

Of 30 questions on Mormon history propounded as a part of this year's Pioneer Day celebration, seven were either unanswered or incorrectly answered by the great majority of contestants who participated in the questionnaire. Continued interest in the difficult seven questions has prompted this brief resume of the event and announcement of the correct answers.

The questions were contributed principally by members of the committee having this feature of the program in charge; next they were assembled by Gordon and Elsie Malin of the Los Altos Ward and mimeographed by the Stake Genealogical Committee for distribution. An effort was made to give everyone present at the celebration an opportunity to participate.

TWENTY THREE of the 30 questions presented no particular difficulty and were answered correctly by varying numbers of persons. The seven questions that almost every contestant missed were these, together with the correct answers as furnished by Gordon Malin.

1. When was the Salt Lake Temple completed—in 1853, 1865, 1882, 1893, 1906? Correct is 1893.

2. What was the number of Latter-day Saints on the ship Brooklyn which brought pioneers from New York to San Francisco, arriving there July 29, 1846? Was it 457, 195, 238, or 302? Correct is 238.

3. The Perpetual Emigration Fund added how many Latter-day Saints to cross the ocean and continue on to Zion? Was the number 10,000; 126,589;70,000; or 1,500? Correct is 70,000.

4. Did Johnson's Army stay in Utah one summer, one year, 16 months, or three years? Correct is three years.

5. Was the Los Angeles Temple site purchased April 15, 1937, April 15, 1941, or March 14, 1946? Correct is April 15, 1937.

6. Was the Palo Alto Stake organized June 23, 1946, December 5, 1947, or September 17, 1948? Correct is June 23, 1946.

7. The first endowments for the dead were performed in this dispensation of the Gospel at the Endowment House of which temple—Nauvoo, St. George, or Salt Lake City? St. George is correct.

Of approximately 40 members of the Los Altos Ward who were contestants in he questionnaire, three had the distinction of answering correctly all questions except the foregoing seven difficult ones. These members were: Ralph Embry, Leland Jorgensen, and LeRoy Kratzer. No other contestants among the wards of the stake exceeded this degree of familiarity with Mormon history.

Things As They Are

By I. B. Ball

Speaking of chastity, the subject of a recent Gospel Doctrine lesson, we wonder whether you have ever come across the classic words of Thoreau:

"Chastity is the flowering of a man, and what are called Genius, Heroism, Holiness and the like are but various fruits that follow it.

"Man flows at once to God when the channel of purity is open.

"By turn our purity inspires us and our impurity casts us down."

What is this but a clear amplification of the Lord's own truism: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

You've surely heard Lowell's doublet from "The Vision of Sir Launfall":

"His strength was the strength of ten because his heart was pure."

Doesn't this compare well with the dictum of Stanford's former President David Starr Jordan: "To be clean is to be strong."

Goethe, the poetic German soul of great renown was impressed with the sense of peace that links arms with purity and goodness. He wrote this confessional line: "Only the heart without a stain knows perfect peace."

America's William Winter expressed the same kinship of inner calm with purity in the little rhyme:

"While your hearts are pure
Our lives are happy
And our peace secure."

WOMANLY PURITY it seems, is pretty well associated with Mary, the mother of Jesus, Such purity is called woman's glory by some writers, as, Mme. de Stael: "Purity of mind and conduct is the glory of a woman."

Nothing is the world, many feel, is more beautiful than a pure and modest girl at sweet sixteen or thereabouts. Lord Bulwer Lytton put this thought into two pretty lines:

". . . . . As pure as a pearl
And as perfect, and noble
An innocent girl."

Milton felt that chastity in a girl is a natural protection for her. He said: "She that has chastity is clad in complete steel.'

Addison adds modesty as as a guarding element: "Virtue is not only an ornament, but also a guard to virtue."

ADDISON WAS impressed with the attractiveness of purity in woman, and wrote: "Nothing makes a woman more esteemed by the opposite sex than chastity."

Everyone enjoys Shakespeare where he likens chaste ones to Nature's unsullied beauty in these lines:

"As chaste as the bud
Ere it be blown;
And as unsunned snows."

Did you ever feel that you would like to kiss the chaste, blushing cheek of a sweet modest girl? So evidently did Gregory, though he expressed it negatively thus:

"When a girl ceases to blush, she has lost the most beautiful charm of her beauty."

Along this same line of thought we find a noble soul named Gotthold saying: "A blush is a sign nature hangs out to show where chastity and honor dwell."

"At the time of Sister Rowe's baptism she was given only a short time to live—a month at the most. It is now almost a year since that occasion and despite mounting disappointments in family relations she radiates the joy and cherfulness that the gospel alone can give."

Berkeley Second

Young People In Limelight With Activities

By Ann Crockett

Messenger time again, and for the moment a blank page taunts my fingers. Then fleeting impressions of the ward's monthly activities begin their staccato report. The reluctant old Royal limbers her keys, pounding out fragments of the ever-living pageant of the gospel at work. . . .

First there was "June Mad," the hilarious comedy voluntarily organized and presented by a group of our own glittering star-dusters. The brightest star, comet-haired Ann Balmforth, had plenty of competition from other amusing satellites. Their $113 contribution to the Temple Building Fund was hard, but joyfully earned . . . .

Unfortunately other commitments stole the evenings I was to see "The Temple" by Ray Rackley, and Rhea Nelson. But enthusiastic commentaries were convincing proof of the play's success. With Helen and Roy Clovis, Delores Roberts, and other choice ward talent enhancing the show, how could it miss? . . .

Then there was Stake Conference featuring extemporaneous youth speakers, including newly-called missionaries, and some of our lovely women. The young people's acknowledgement of the love they bear their parents, and their personal testimonies will long be remembered . . . .

A Sacrament Meeting with recently-returned Elder John Franz giving a very stirring account of Church conditions in East and West Germany, was particularly thought provoking. A ward reception following shared his family's enjoyment in welcoming John home.

Another fascinating Sacrament Meeting with newly-appointed Don Corbett conducting, was well worth attendance. Besides forceful Jack Evans and her interesting father, daughter Mary Corbett Taylor gave a very stimulating talk.

Incidently, Mary and her young son, Jesse III, will be returning to BYU to join Elder Taylor, who having completed a Navaho Indian Mission in the Southwest will resume school. The Corbett sisters, Mary and Joan, who married the Taylor brothers, will share their jointly-owned Provo home, while hubbies buckle down to book learnin' . . . .

Ocean-spanners Lois Sconberg, and Sam and Marie Holmes are back from vacation and business tours of Europe. Lucky highfliers . . . .

Partly to honor, and partly to seek advice on class problems, ward student-teachers, under the direction of capable Diana Malstrom, "appled-pied" at the Bodily home on Rincon Road, Friday 13. An unlucky day for those who missed a rewarding evening . . .

Toting a Master's degree in education, not to mention her musical training, Diana is resuming an excellent Teacher-Training course in Sunday School. Try it. You'll like it!

'Singles' Hear J. R. Hilton

By Mary K. Ahlf

Fireside for the single over 25 years group, Sunday, September 1, at the Oakland Fourth Ward, featured J. R. Hilton of the Walnut Creek Stake High Council. His subject was the Second Coming of Chirst, with explanations on the signs of His coming and to whom He will come.

Next fireside, will be Sunday, October 6, at Oakland Fourth Ward, 4705 Virginia Street. After each meeting refreshments are served and visiting is enjoyed. Meetings are under direction of a member of the presidency: Bill Rice, 3417 Laguna, AN. 1-1194, president; or Kathy Swan, 674 Brooklyn, HI. 4-7444, vice president; both of Oakland.

Dances have been changed to Saturday nights and are held every other Saturday night of the month. October dances are set for 8:30 p.m. in the Oakland Third ward, 3618 Dimond, October 12 and 26.

All single persons over 25 years of age from San Francisco, Hayward, Walnut Creek and Oakland-Berkeley stakes, are invited to enjoy firesides, entertainment and wonderful dance music with us.

Nedra Jean Ray, Hayward ward, and Glenn Morgan, Claremont ward, recently announced their engagement and will be married October 21 in the Arizona Temple.

Oakland Third Ward

Arthur Daniels Is New Teacher For Seminary

By Melva Rainey

Arthur Daniels, who recently returned from the French mission, will be the new Seminary teacher this winter. All the young people of the ward are urged to make an effort to support this class.

Specifications for the Oakland Police department are high and we are proud to announce that Don Brown has passed with high honors and will assume his duties with the department at once.

A change has taken place in the full time missionary system. Elder Hill has been released to go home and Elder Jones will replace him as supervising elder. Elder Jones has been working with Elder Hill for a short time in the Golden Gate District. Brother and Sister Rainey have been called as coordinators to the new converts of the ward.

Special welcome is extended to converts: Francis Birkinshaw, Virginia Herrold and son Pat, and Mark Bernice and Eugene Edwards, David Stevenson and Bud Williams.

MANY NEW MEMBERS have moved into the ward and are a great asset, including Brother and Sister Richard Johnson and family. Sister Verna has done much in the music for our stake. She presents the Messiah each Christmas season in this area.

A shower was given at the home of the Goodsells for Marie Roelle who is leaving soon for her mission. Marie has been in the Church only a few years and has spent most of her activity on a stake mission.

Jack Fitzpatrick will be leaving soon for a mission to France and Belgium. His Father, Jack G., filled a mission there and met his lovely wife in Belgium. He later went back and brought her home as his bride.

Elder Paul Williams who served a mission in this area has returned

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MY TESTIMONY

By Mabel B. Liddell

One of the most touching missionary experiences to come to my notice is the following account, related by Elder Derold Bates of the Northern California Mission:

"How can one tell if a person is ready for baptism when he or she cannot speak! One might say it is impossible, but during my labors as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I have experienced a most important aid other than communication with words. It is the communication of God through the spirit.

"For the past two years it has been my privilege and responsibility to teach the gospel to many people. With this comes the added responsibility of determining when a person gains a testimony and is ready for baptism. Ordinarily, when a person tells me he wants to be baptised and the Lord communicates to my spirit, I feel assured that it is God's will and I proceed to make arrangements for their baptism.

"All missionary experiences aren't just that way. If I were to introduce you to Mrs. Geraldine Rowe of Oakland, California, you could say, "Hello," and smile. She would only smile but say not a word because she has no voice. Since Geraldine Rowe became a victim of Lateral Sclerosis (a paralyzing disease) she can move only her head, mouth and eyes.

"When it was our great privilege to meet Mrs. Rowe and teach her the gospel of Jesus Christ, we felt her humble spirit and knew that she believed it though she could not tell us so.

"Each time we met with her, the radiance of her smile helped us to realize the Holy Ghost had borne witness in her heart that our message was true.

"My companion and I prayed earnestly, and we feel certain that the prayers of Mrs. Rowe's heart ascended with ours because we received the assurance that she was to be baptised. This was a challenge to us as we endangered her life if we moved her from her bed. Her relatives, at whose home she stayed, consented her to being baptized only on condition that we assume full responsibility for its effect on her health.

"Through the power of the priesthood and through our faith, combined with the inspiring faith of Mrs. Rowe, we gave her a blessing from God. This blessing promised her the strength necessary for this baptism and a special witness from her Heavenly Father's spirit as the ordinance was performed.

"With the aid of a stretcher and four missionaries Mrs. Geraldine Rowe was baptized. I spoke the words of the ordinance and my whole soul was electrified by the burining testimony of the spirit as she was brought forth from the water. The radiance of her smile was a glorious witness that she too had felt this divine approval.

"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple."
—Malachi 3:1.

Redwood City Ward

You Just Can't Get Away With Nothing No More!

You can't get away with nothing no more, not even in Nevada. Ask Boy Scout executive Lynn Austin or Bishop William R. Callister of Redwood City Ward.

On a trip to Salt Lake City together, they were pulled off the road at Elko by the law. Seems they'd gassed up at Carlin, and driven off without paying for it.

Their story was that each had a credit card and were taking turns using it, but in Carlin forgot entirely about the matter. The gendarmes had heard this one before, but never from a Boy Scout executive and a Mormon bishop. And when the bishop's three-year-old Jimmie, an expert on such situations from long study of TV asked, "What are they going to do, Daddy, shoot us?" it softened the flinty hearts of the cops. They let the Mormons off, this time, after collecting the money.

The bishop reported the incident at Priesthood meeting upon his return, no doubt as a warning. Boy Scout executives and bishops have used that one, now. You just can't get away with nothing no more, not even in Nevada.

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Oakland-Berkeley Stake

Love Of Parents, Prayer Stressed At Conference

By Dale Roe

For the 1619 people who attended the morning session of the quarterly conference for the Oakland-Berkeley stake, September 1, at the Scottish Rite auditorium, Bishop Thorpe B Isaacson of the Presiding Bishopric, forcefully, and dramatically, brought to a climax a strongly spiritual session which featured singing by a male chorus and prayers and talks by Aaronic Priesthood members, and by two mission presidents and four men who had served as presidents of stakes in the East Bay.

Bishop Isaacson stressed the importance of prayer and of loving our parents and of telling them that we love them. For parents and our chosen young people he emphasized that love at home, and family-teamwork, will help the young men and women of this church progress, gain in spirituality, and overcome hardships which will appear before them. Seminary work, and other youth programs, if participated in by young people can strengthen them and help them toward success and can bless parents with the luxury of feeling free from worry about our young people.

IT IS IMPORTANT that we make the effort to be helpful to these young people, he said, because the Lord is preparing our young people for great responsibilities, not in 50 or 60 years, but in a few short years.

President Stone gave a short report of work on the inter-stake center, welfare budget, operation of the farm, and reported that the cannery and storehouse operation at 98th and Gould will serve the region. He urged members to honor their parents, keep God's commandments, and seek to magnify our callings.

Other morning session speakers were: Marvin Bennett, a Deacon from the Oakland Third on Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood; Richard Wood, a Teacher, Oakland Fourth, the Importance of Ward Teaching; David Crockett, a Priest, Berkeley Second, the Sacrament; Sharon Hart, an appreciation of the Priesthood in the home; Don Hayes, a Senior member of the Aaronic Priesthood from Alameda ward, on the blessings of the Priesthood.

DELBERT F. WRIGHT, formerly President of the Oakland Stake, discussed the blessings of working in branches of the church and urged leaders to give a little attention to preparing young people for missions.

President Leonard Love of the Northern California mission thanked members for their support of missionaries and suggested that we watch for names of people who may be interested in having the missionaries call on them.

Glen Harmon, formerly president of the Berkeley stake, reminded members that we are to work out our own exaltation through our own efforts.

Eugene Hilton, now Stake Patriarch in Oakland-Berkeley stake, and formerly President of Oakland Stake said that this is a "Gospel of Doing."

President Thomas Gardner drew on his experience as a mission president to emphasize, through his talk, the importance of family prayer and urged us to "see if your candle is flickering."

BISHOP THORPE B. ISAACSON . . . stressed the need and power of prayer and love for one's parents in stirring Oakland-Berkeley Stake Conference.

Oakland-Berkeley

Twenty Speak Stake Session

"One of the most spiritual meetings you've ever attended" in your life," Bishop Thorpe B. Isaacson, representing church general authorities, said of the afternoon session of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake quarterly conference. A local record may have been set for the number of speakers: besides the opening and closing prayers, 20 people talked briefly and bore testimony to the truth of our latter-day Gospel.

Using the meeting as an example, Bishop Isaacson testified that it is possible to have a very spiritual meeting without oratory. "Every Sacrament meeting could be as good," he said.

HE URGED all Bishops to make sure that everyone in the ward is working and added, "If everybody worked, there'd still be more to do."

On a flying carpet of colorful and deeply felt word- descriptions, he took the afternoon congregation on a trip to places where Jesus walked and called on all of us to answer the question, "Do You Love Jesus?"

"If we do," he pointed out, "we will go to Sacrament meeting, partake of the bread and water and renew our conennts."

He also called upon us to be missionaries and share with others the blessings we have found in the Gospel.

AFTERNOON speakers included Sisters Dorothy Stone, June Smith and LaVern Rock, representing the feminine side of the Stake Presidency. Presidents Delbert Rock and Elmo Smith also spoke in the afternoon session.

Three returned missionaries bore testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel: Don Van Noy from the Netherlands; Arthur G. Daniels from the French mission; and John Franz from the East German mission. Most of the afternoon speakers, including the many young men and young women who took part, were picked out of the audience with either little or no warning.

Berkeley Second Ward's Bazaar Oct. 19 to Have Bargains Galore

Need homemade pickles? Do you want to play games, have fun, relax? Want to show off your cowboy shirt while dinning sumptuously among friends? Are you seeking money-saving bargains?

Then there's a "must go" event for you Saturday, Oct. 19, the annual bazaar of the Berkeley Second Ward, which has the theme, "The Roundup." Decorations, costumes and some of the events will carry out the western theme and there will even be an art gallery where children's cowboy pictures will be exhibited.

The event will start at 4:30 p.m. with a dinner costing $1.50; children, two for $1.50.

Among items on sale will be new adjustable wall and ceiling lamps, regularly about $20, priced at the bazaar at $8.95, announces Mrs. Lucille Cain, committee member.

Salable "attic treasures" will be picked up by ward members to be sold. Anyone with such treasures is asked to call the Dr. Howard Bodilys, LA. 6-7660.

"Services Unlimited" will be offered. Anything from homemade root beer, legal work, home permanents to violin lessons will be obtainable at ridiculously low fees, said Mrs. Cain.

Something new will be a a "gold panning booth" for the children and an old-time sheriff and jail.

In charge of the the event, always one of the highlights of the year, are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Smith, chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Erickson; Mr. and Mrs. Ned Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. William G. Cain, and Mr. and Mrs. David Hulme.

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News Notes From The Oakland -Berkeley Stake

By Mildred Fontano

President and sister Delbert H. Rock met their missionary son, Thomas in Hawaii as he returned home from a successful Tahitian Mission. The Rocks reached the mainland Sept. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Norberg are in Mexico City greeting James, their son, who has returned from a completed mission in Argentina.

Thurza Boyle of Oakland fourth ward received word from her brother Harold White, who is teaching in Mexico City that the terrible earthquake recently in Mexico City completely destroyed his motel. The quake was much more severe than the one he thought was the "worst ever", one which he experienced in Guatemala some years ago.

The Oakland-Berkeley stake completed an excursion to the Los Angeles Temple Sept. 13-14 by bus and private car. Aronud 40 people participated.

Don Van Noy who is in the personnel department of the Henry Kaiser steel mill at Fontana, has received 'greetings from Uncle Sam.' He is to report as an officer to Lackland Texas Air Base. Thad Van Noy is vacationing in Utah and Colorado—a girl friend in Colorado.

Diana Heiner, daughter of Al and Mrs. Heiner is again attending Stanford University.

The Melvin Hart family bid adieu to their daughter Barbara again, this time not as a student attending BYU but teaching in Provo. Joan Moody and Nadine Sorensen are home from Europe.

Arthur Daniels of Oakland Third Ward who recently completed a successful mission in France is attending college and teaching Seminary, a fine class of 22 members in Oakland Third Ward.

Lund Johnson, a past bishop of Dimond ward is counselor to the president of the new Palo Alto Stake.

The two sisters of the Howard Dunn family are happy over the arrival of a baby boy two weeks ago.

The Lorenzo N. Hoopes family returned from touring Salt Lake Citq and Los Angeles and nearby districts.

Sterling Nicolaysen, the new bishop of Alameda, is teaching school at San Lorenzo High.

Shirley Liebhart is teaching her second year at Hayward, while her sister Beverly is back at the BYU.

Dan Harrison, teaching his fourth year in Alameda is also teaching seminary the third year in Alameda Chapel.

Dave Pinkney, a BYU graduate, is supervising physical education in LaVista Junior High school in Hayward.

Bud Call is doing his second year in the Alameda school. Harold Clayson, graduate of BYU, teaches at Irvington and Jerry Crandell, at Redwood City.

Leah Finch teaches in Oakland. Earl Remington a UC graduate teaches sixth grade at San Lorenzo. Orson Springthorpe after four years at UC is teaching at Crockett. Vincent Wood of Claremont opened his dental office in Pleasant Hills and teaches two days each week at the UC dental clinic in San Francisco. Cheryl Johnson, Berkeley First, teaches second grade at Bidwell School, La Vista district.

Max Warley of Hollywood, who is in the technicolor business, visited his mother Leara in Oakland.

Robert F. Guilliam, a navy chaplain for three years on Treasure Island and now of Salt Lake City, is named to the Sunday School General Board.

Two missionaries are being sent out by Oakland third ward. Marie Roelle, whose mother is a member, was tendered a farewell testimonial Sept. 7, and various showers by friends prior to leaving for the French mission.

Jack Fitzpatrick will be featured Sunday evening Oct. 13 before also going to the French mission. A fine group of fifteen missionaries have been serving from Oakland third. These two new people keep that quota static, filling the place of two who recently returned home.

Our sympathies are extended ot Joyce Osborne, president of Oakland third ward Relief Society, in the passing of her beloved mother at Parowan, Utah. Sister Osborne spent the summer taking care of her mother.

Duane Hunt, returned missionary from Hawaii, was given a reception Sept. 15 in Alameda.

Bruce Morgan, formerly of Alameda Ward, superintendent of Sunday School of one of the largest wards of the Church—eleven hundred plus—at Henderson, Nevada, was happily exhibiting the last addition to their family-Sharla-in the Bay area.

Alameda County D.U.P. President Laurene Bain is attending the D.U.P. convention in Salt Lake City. Opening socials have been held in all eight camps in Alameda county.

"A Friend for every Child" is the motto of the Childrens Friend $2.00 per year, and the drive is now on.

The Trail Builders' dad's and son's parties will be held Oct. 26 for all the stake. Fun and refreshments.

At Richmond for the two Richmond Wards.

At Berkeley for Claremont, two Berkeley wards and Oakland.

At Oakland Fourth for Oakland third, fourth, and Alameda.

A two stake Primary Convention will be held at Walnut Creek chapel for Oakland-Berkeley and Walnut Creek stakes Oct, 22 at 9:30 a.m. All Primary representatives are to be there.

The High Priests have "Better Health Products" to sell at the welfare house.

The Annual Banquet given by the High Priests with their wives as guests will be held Oct. 26 at Berkeley, 7 p.m. Peter W. Easton is general chairman.

The High Priests Book of Mormon project has mushroomed to big proportions. 1500 Book of Mormon have been dispensed through Bay Area Motels.

University Ward

Eight Marriages This Summer, All In LDS Church Temples

By Mildred Anderson

Summer activities have really been successful. On the top of the lists of achievement: of the eight marriages reported this summer, all were Temple weddings.

In the Salt Lake Temple: Marven Follett and Lez Nickleson were married August 21. Blaine Anderson and Beth Bear, August 20; Grant Chamberlin and Marilyn Wittner were married by President McKay August 26; Bengt Jonsson and Beth Brown, August 8; Rex Gardner and Kay Quin, June 26.

In the Los Angeles Temple, Gale Jensen and Diane Madsen were married June 7; Jim Witherspoon and Beverly Wright, June 26; and in the Mesa Temple, Blaine Larson-Crowther and Rayna Pace, August 2.

There are also five engagements, and plans are being made to be married in one of the Temples: Bob McGrea and Mary Simond, sometime in November; Dorothy Price and Ray Bronson, in the Salt Lake Temple on October 28; Jerry Zenger and Marie Thomas, October 11 in the Salt Lake Temple; Mildred Anderson and Gary Ashby plan to be married in the Salt Lake Temple next June.

We extend a good-bye and best wishes to all the summer students who are leaving us,

As the summer draws to a close we welcome students who have been away. A special welcome is extended to J. Bonner Ritchie who has just returned from a mission to the Eastern States.

Others returning from missions this summer are:

Dean Madsen who was in the northern states mission; he is now on his way to France serve with U.S. Army. Shirley Johnson has just returned from a mission to the western states and has been working in Berkeley. She plans to leave for Salt Lake City soon to spend some time there. A quick visit was paid to the Institute by Ray Brown as he returned from a mission to the Central states. He is now in Idaho with his parents.

New leaders of Lambda Delta Sigma, busy at planning activities for the coming year, are: Presidents, Jim Light and Betty Borg; vice presidents, Don Horten and Renne Hunt; secretary, Kay Franz with another to be elected; and treasurer, Paul Krey.

Judith Leighton, Raul Juarez Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Paul A Leighton entertained Aug. 10 in honor of their daughter, Judith Arleen, and her husband Raul Juarez. The young couple were married by Bishop Wood in an impressive ceremony and the reception which followed was held in the Claremont Recreation Hall.

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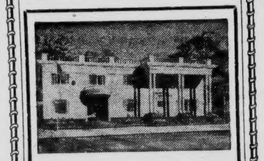

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Oakland Ward

Somoan Welcome For Missionaries

By Joan Tocher

A highlight of the month's activities was the Sunday night meeting when President Howard Stone, his wife and daughter reported on their mission in Samoa. To greet the unsuspecting Stones were a group of Samoans who welcomed them with songs sung in Samoan style. It was a touching greeting. During the evening the Stones accompanied the visiting Samoans with more songs from that country.

Sister Rita Stone told about the visit President McKay made to the Islands, and how spontaneously and joyfully he was received by the Islanders. President Stone mentioned some personally touching experiences of faith inspired by the Samoans. It was interesting to see how much easier it was for President Stone's daughter to think and speak in Samoan, occasioned by the number of years she had lived there.

Returning from Tahiti and the Argentine were Elders Thomas Stone and James Norberg. Both these elders gave reports on their work, and receptions were held afterwards so that their many friends could have a personal word with them. President and Sister O. Leslie Stone had flown to Hawaii to spend a few days with their son before returning to Oakland.

Don Addis and his wife, Ruby, spent a few days with their son, Dee, in Utah before he started the new school year. BYU students Barteil Cardon, Carol Christiansen, Kay Brown, Ann Taylor and Kathy Hallman are all returning to school after giving much of their time to the church this summer. Among the new students to attend BYU this fall will be Merrill, son of Bishop Higham, Jimmy Norberg and Thomas Stone.

Opening date for Relief Society is October 9, at which time the Literary Lesson will be given by Sister Joan Tocher at the home of Sid and Melba Priday.

Claremont Ward

Matheson-Burnham Temple Wedding

Suzanne Matheson and Robert Burnham were married in the Salt Lake Temple on August 14th 1957. They were accompanied by Bob's brother Bill Burnham and his wife Floyann of Hayward Ward. The newlyweds honeymooned in Yellowstone, Teton Park and Idano. They will settle in Claremont Ward upon their return. Both were members of Oakland First.

Salt Lake Wedding For Roxy Peterson

Mrs. Roxy Peterson of Berkeley Second Ward was married recently in Salt Lake City to L. Curtis Osborn, an old friend and former business associate of the late Earl Peterson, Roxy's former husband.

Brother Osborn lost his wife over a year ago. She was one of Roxy's dearest friends.

The newlyweds will make their home for the present at 1064 Crandall Ave., Salt Lake City, where they welcome calls from old friends.

Claremont Ward

Ward Members Working Unitedly To Raise Funds For Parking Lot

By Lenore Woods

Friday, the 13th of September was a lucky day for those who attended the "Round Up" an evening of entertainment and refreshments sponsored by the Claremont Relief Society. Ronald Blatter lively Master of Ceremonies filled in between acts with pep and originality. The Yvonne Nickolette School of the Dance entertained with ballet numbers, Mrs. Matanui Fonoimoana and her group of entertainers from Alameda gave their delightful songs and dances. Cal Wood led the audience in a dramatic reading, and Eudora Morgan was author and director of an original act which brought out the purpose of the Round Up—to raise money ot complete the parking lot west of the chapel.

Mrs. Flossie Heald presented to Bishop Joseph E. Wood a check for $100 from the Ward Relief Society. To raise this the women have gone to paid advertising tours in addition to giving entertainment and selling products. Bishop Wood accepted the check in behalf of the Ward, noting that this was the first unsolicited contribution toward the project.

Refreshments were served by four MIA girls.

His many friends welcomed Charles C. Carr when he visited here recently as guest of his son M. Elmo Carr and his family. Old friendships were renewed as Bishop Carr joined the Claremont group in a session of Welfare canning. He is loved and respected for his fine leadership over a period of many years. Bishop Carr was Claremont Ward's first bishop in 1938 and prior to that time served as bishop in Oakland Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Nelson (formerly Enid Wood) with baby Susan, were guests of Bishop and Mrs. Wood early in September prior to their leaving for the University of Iowa, in Iowa City, where Dick will continue his graduate studies. He completed his Master's degree in August at the BYU.

Klesmer and Gertrude Lowry have moved to southern California where Brother Lowry has taken employment. Emmeretta Hancock, affectionately known to many as "Auntie' has gone with the Lowrys to make her home. This family has been with the Ward since its organization. Gertrude has given a fine service to the community for many years in caring for elderly people in her licensed home.

Brother and Sister David Mehr have taken over the Lowrys' "Home" in Claremont and will continue to care for elderly ladies. Sister Mehr's parents, Brother and Sister Glen Price have been guests of Loretta and Dave during the past month. Sister Price will remain on to help Loretta get her business under way.

Three outstanding young families have left the ward to establish

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Walnut Creek Stake

Prof. Keith Oakes On General Board

Prof. F. Keith Oakes, who served in the Walnut Creek Ward bishopric in 1950-52, has been appointed to the Sunday School General Board, it has been announced by Superintendent George R. Hill.

Also appointed to the Board was O. Preston Robinson, general manager and editor of the Deseret News.

Prof. Oakes is head of the new Church Department of Educational Values and Programs of the College of Education at Brigham Young University. Until his new appointment this summer he was associate professor of education at the University of Southern California.

He was released as first counselor of Covina Stake in Southern California in May when he accepted the BYU position.

Born Jan. 7, 1914, at Hyrum, Utah, Elder Oakes married Carol O'Driscoll of Salt Lake City July 21, 1947 in the Logan Temple. They have three children.

After moving back to Utah he became Sunday School teacher in the Oak Hills Second Ward of East Sharon Stake.

Ward Members

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themselves in the teaching profession. Paul and Harriett Hyer left for Provo where Paul will teach at the BYU. Paul was released a short time ago as president of the Elder's quorum where he gave untiring service for several years. Harriett has been a teacher in the Relief Society and also assisted in many activities with her musical ability.

Delbert and Nadine Rock have moved to Brentwood with their two little boys. Del has taked a teaching position in the community.

Prior to his leaving Delbert was Stake Mission President and Nadine was Theology teacher in the Ward Relief Society.

Ray and Valene Wilcox have also left us for the BYU where Brother Wilcox will be a member of the faculty. Both have been helpful in many activities but their last service was in the Sunday School where Ray was Superintendent and Val a teacher. They have two boys. They are the parents of two boys.

Paul V. Hyer Now BYU Instructor

Paul V. Hyer, who was a popular member of the Claremont Ward, Berkeley, while attending the University of California, has been appointed to the history department of Brigham Young University as instructor. He was an active and well-liked member of the Claremont Ward, leaving last spring.

He received his B.A. in 1951 at BYU, his M.A. in 1953 at BYU and is a candidate for the Ph.D from Far Eastern University.

Berkeley First

Elders Offer Wood For Sale

By Daryl Lee Letham

Do you need firewood? The Elders' Quorum has more than they need and would like to sell some. Last spring the quorum was given some stumps. These are now in the process of being split and will be available for sale.

The Special Interest class for mutual is organized and an invitation is extended for everyone in the ward to attend. George Strebie will again be the instructor and will cover Church, American and Western history. He is amply qualified to treat this subject as he is currently writing his doctoral thesis on western history. Parties and social events are planned.

First Sunday school faculty meeting for the fall was held September 19. Faculty meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month, Brother Bramwell his emphasized that the meetings will start promptly at 7 p.m. at the chapel and they will close promptly at 8 p.m. Brother Esplin will prepare material of interest and help to the teachers.

The engagement of Jerry Zenger to Marie Thomas was recently announced. They are planning to be married October 11 in the Manti Temple. After returning from Utah, they will make their home in the Claremont ward.

Carl Johnson, son of Brother and Sister Johnson, recently entered the army. He is in for only six months, and will soon be back with us.

Young People Given Tropries

Trophies for outstanding activity by young men and women and their leaders, in the Oakland-Berkeley stake, were presented by Eugene S. Hilton and Willard Ellis, of the stake high council, at the afternoon session of the quarterly conference, at Scottish Rite auditorium. Making this a young people's conference, Aaronic Priesthood members under 21, and girls in the same age group, sat in sections reserved for them, on the main floor, at the morning and afternoon sessions.

The trophy recognizing attendance, visits," and other leadership requirements, for young men, was presented by Brother Hilton to Bishop Leland Wright of the Oakland Fourth ward. These young men averaged 78 per cent attendance at Priesthood and Sacrament meetings for the quarter April-May-June.

Trophy for the young ladies was presented by Brother Ellis to Sister Nana Folkman of the MIA presidency of the Oakland Fourth ward.

Walnut Creek Stake

Stake Mission Reports Gain

Despite a drop from 52 in May and 49 in June to 40 in July in the number of Walnut Creek Stake missionaries at work, the July mission report by Maurice F. Burrows, secretary shows an increase in the total number of times out by the missionaries in that month over the June figure—488 in comparison with 477.

Two missionaries in the Walnut Creek District of the mission were out 24 and 27 times during July respectively, leading the mission.

The number of convert baptisms also rose in July over June—from six in June to 8 in July, making a total of 53 such baptisms for the year to date in the mission.

The Concord District reported two convert baptisms in July making, a total of 44 such for that district for the year to date.

Comparable figures for baptisms in the other districts in the mission stand as follows:

Concord Second, 1 and 4; Martinez, 1 and 8; Pittsburg 0 and 8; Pleasant Hill 2 and 10; and Walnut Creek District 2 and 6.

Rodeo Ward

Mutual Sponsors Festival Booth

By Una Ellsworth

The YWMIA, with Marie Hurn as president sponsored a tamale, cake and pie boot hat the second annual acquatic festival held for two days in mid-September. The committee wishes to thank all who donated pies and cakes and assisted in any way during the celebration.

The Relief Society opened the fall season with a flapjack breakfast at the home of Bishop Vernal and Ruth Horn, Sept. 26. Relief Society meetings officially opened Tuesday, Oct. 1 at the El Sobrante Improvement club with Sister Zenzi as president. The ladies will meet in the club house each Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Artie E. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Wells of Tormey has compleeted his third year in engineering at East Contra Costa College, and left Sept. 23, to complete his course at the BYU in Provo.

Mr. and Mrs. James Allen of El Sobrante received the news of Brother Allen's sister in Provo in early September. They attended the services and after a brief visit, returned home.

Saturday, Sept. 21, was welfare day at the farm north of Rodeo. A good crew helped with the fall harvest.

Mrs. Mayo Named To Executive Post

Mrs. Frances L. Mayo, drama director of the Oakland Ward, has been named executive secretary of the Oakland Teachers Asscoiation, 315 Fourteenth St., Oakland.

Mrs. Mayo is a past president of the YWMIA in the Oakland Ward.

Alameda Ward

D. Hunt Reports Island Mission

By Amelia Everett

The Alameda Chapel was filled Sept. 15 with friends and relatives who heard Elder Duane Hunt give a report of his Hawaiian mission. A group of Polynesian Saints, managed by Mataniu Fonoimoana sang a number of appropriate selections at the reception following the meeting. They placed a lei around the neck of our missionary.

Dorothy Eliason, president of Young Ladies MIA and her counselors, Vera Soots and Marjory Sutton, were released. Erma Lane was sustained as president, with Mabel Peterson and Marjory Sutton as counselors.

Superintendent of Young Men, Walter Napoleon, was released. Arville Armintrout was sustained as superintendent, with the same counselors, Walter Soots and Don Hayze.

Dorothy Eliason and Eugenie Daniels are appointed to the Genealogical Committee.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING date of Relief Society is Oct. 1.

New Relief Society Class leaders are: Carol Durham, theology; Margaret Liebhart, literture; Rhea Nelson, social science; Elizabeth Lambourne, organist; Joyce Marcum, teacher's topic; and Lorine Powell, work director.

Ethel Larson is home from the hospital after a severe case of Asiatic flu and pneumonia. Delora Pugh and her children have recovered from the flu. Emma Eliason has also been very ill but she is getting out now.

Thomas Hatch is home from duty in Germany for a month; then he is to be re-assigned to the States.

Norman Monk had a weekend here from the service.

David Pinckney, a graduate of BYU is now teaching at Alta Vista School in Hayward.

George Pinckney, Sr. is on one of his business trips, taking in Clinton, Iowa; Chicago and Omaha this time.

Henry and LuRilda Seavers with William and Gladys Clayson had a trip through Victoria, Vancouver, Banff and other parts of Canada. They were delighted with the beauty of Lake Louise with its glacial background. Lu said they marveled at the restful absence of liquor ads in Canada.

A SURPRISE baby shower was honoring Catherine Halliday, Sept. 12, at the home of Mabel Peterson. Vivian Nicolayson was co-sponsor.

Honoring Albertina Nimetz on her 83rd birthday, six of her friends gave a luncheon at the home of Amelia Everett Aug. 27.

A bridal shower honoring Donna Laird Valencuela was given Aug. 28 at the home of Elizabeth Warren.

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Sixty Senior Aaronics Attending Second Walnut Creek Stake School

Walnut Creek Stake's second 14-week Senior Aaronic School got under way Thursday, September 12, under the direction of Leroy Poll of Concord Second Ward. Sessions are held at 7:30 p.m., every Thursday night at the Concord Ward Chapel, 3700 Concord Boulevard.

Sixty memebers of the Senior Aaronic Priesthood and wives have been regular attendants, nearly doubling that of the highly successful first Senior Aaronic School held at Walnut Creek Ward Chapel from May to August. President Norman B. Creer of Walnut Creek Stake expressed high satisfaction at the success of the schools which are under direct supervision of his First Counselor Kenneth D. Jensen, and Joseph Brown.

Program of the second school is similar to that of the first, with modifications indicated by experience. A social evening will mark the midpoint in October and graduation is scheduled for December.

All members of the Senior Aaronic Priesthood and wives are invited to visit any session.

VITALS

Births

A son was born to Grant and Ida Tribe on Sept. 14. A stork shower honoring Sister Tribe was given Sept. 12 by Sisters Beatrice Uffens, Flora Sears and Myrtle Snarr.

A daughter to Wilford and Jo Ann Ruf. The baby was born in Idaho where Mrs. Ruf was visiting with her folks.

ALAMEDA WARD

BIRTH. To Paul and Patricia Hunter, born Aug. 25th. Jennifer Ann.

DEATH. Mr. Charles Dodderer, Sept. 13, 1957, beloved husband of Myrtle Dodderer, a brother-in-law of Sister Helena Massey. He was a native of Missouri.

PALO ALTO FIRST

Ronald E. and Clarie Stoddard Poelman their third child, second daughter, Diane, on June 18, 1957.

Allen K. and Mary Ann Smith their third son David, May 22, 1957.

MARRIED:

Elizabeth Stewart Van Wagoner and Daniel Richards Allen, Salt Lake Temple. Reception in Palo Alto held at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Earl Van Wagoner. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Knight Allen, all of Palo Alto.

BURLINGAME WARD

Frances and Hal Ingram are the proud parents of a baby boy born July 24th, weighing in at 6 lbs ½ oz. On Sept. 1 their baby was blessed by his father and given the name of John Thomas Ingram.

On August 22nd, a redhaired baby girl was born to Marjorie and Jim Taylor, and weighed in at 8 lbs 2½ oz. The parents have chosen the name of Rebecca Lynn Taylor for their baby daughter, their first child.

BALBOA SECOND

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Judd announce the arrival of a son. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Robinson announce the arrival of a second son; big sister will help with her two brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Astle welcomed a girl; they already have a boy. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Valentine announce the birth of their first boy; they have three girls.

San Francisco Stake

Early Enrollment Suggested For Duo-Genealogy

Early enrollment in Stake Workshop Classes in Genealogy is strongly stressed by Edgar A. Williams, San Francisco Stake Genealogy Chairman of the Committee with Sister G. E. Schier, research consultant of the group.

The calendar of planned events includes adequate adult instruction in the fundamental basic and advanced principles of genealogical work. Attitudes are developed in no small part through observation and imitation, according to Sister Schier. Adults enjoy the comparing of individual problems, and receive greater insight in the solution of some daily conflicts through applying research opinions.

The Sunset Ward—Intermediate Class with Ervin McDonald, chairman, held their new fall class on Sept. 10 at the Stake House, with a fine re-enrollment. The October class agenda will have many new topics for the Lecture Forum, including the evaluation and criticisms of genealogy sources, etc., every Tuesday evening at the Stake House.

Edgar Williams, Secretary John Stull, with Evan Hunter, have organized a Beginners Class, and will hold reviews of the San Francisco Reference Book subjects on Wednesday evenings, at 7:30 p.m. in Mission Chapel, on Army St. Members from all San Francisco Stake Wards are invited to bring their family pedigrees an dother names for help in Temple Work. Sister Schier will assist members at both classes in the Stake.

During October Ken Child is offering a series of four lectures on Appreciation of Workshop Geneology on Thursday evenings, at 7:30 p.m. at Mission Ward Relief Society Room. All are invited.

Redwood City Ward

Mutual Gets Off To Flying Start

Combining the opening of the fall season with the beginning of a special award competition got Mutual off to a flying start at Redwood City ward, according to MIA Superintendent Burton Howard.

The social, "Meet Me at Mutual" night, Sept. 13, consisted of a dance, in conjunction with San Carlos ward. There was a live orchestra, refreshments, and a good time for a good crowd.

The "Meet Me at Church" award was announced that evening, sponsored by the MIA. All who attend the Redwood City Mutual, Sunday School and Sacrament meeting from now until Christmas, with no more than two absences, will receive a surprise award.

Other Mutual activities include rehearsal for the roadshow, Oct. 11-12, Thelma Curtis directing; the beginning of a monthly square dancing night the first Friday of the month, sponsored by the Special Interest class with professional instruction; and a new Special Interest teacher, Jack Wilson, who is using the text, "Doctrine and Covenants and the Future."

Los Altos Ward

Fun Is Flavor At Barbecue

By Dallas S.Burch

Food, fun, and mellow moonlight combined to make the barbecue dinner recently served to officers and teachers of the Los Altos ward, by the bishopric and their wives, a memorable affair. The chapel's large patio provided the setting and, before the evening was over, many of the diners became entertainers.

The event had many earmarks of a masquerade party. Bishop Lyle B. Egan came not only dressed as a chef, with cap and apron, but he actually presided over a charcoal brazier with savory hamburgers on the grill. Nearby were counselors Reed F. Francis and Theodore R. Hopkins, ward clerk Grant McGiven, and financial clerk Kimball Sorenson—all performing in a similar capacity. Service was a la smorgasbord and an especially tasty hamburger sauce was a la bishop.

The surprise of the evening was a series of ten lively skits by more than a score of entertainers, all ward members, whose identity was largely concealed by costumes of gay-90's vintage. Each of the skits portrayed an anecdote, verse, or witticism with an appropriate punch line, usually ribbing the bishopric or other dignitaries.

In preparation, the entertainment committee, comprising Virginia Christensen, Gwen Riches, Lynne Jorgensen, and Barbara Woolsey, hab been gathering humorous material, suitable for a church affair, for weeks in advance. And it paid off with two main results: Hilarity with dignity, and dignity with hilarity. In short, the stereotyped, "A good time was had by all," fitted the occasion admirabley.

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San Mateo Ward

Members Of Priesthood Appointed To Serve In New Stake Positions

By Faye Stoker

BISHOP'S MESSAGE: Faye Noyes Stoker has been appointed to the Messenger and we are now proceeding under the banner "If it's worth doing, it's reviewing in the Messenger." We appeal to heads of organizations to "wake the Ward and tell our people" what is going on, that love, friendship and sharing may abound among us. Bishop Frank A. Martin.

PRIESTHOOD—We are proud that in the creation of the new San Mateo Stake, four members of our local Priesthood body were called to serve: High Priests, William Stoker as First Counselor in the Presidency; Stanley S. Gibb and Paul W. Fife as High Councilmen, and Elder Arthur Cagle as Stake Clerk. Brothers Stoker and Gibb have been members of the Palo Alto Stake High Council.

Momentarily we had the feeling that our efficient Ward Clerk, Arthur Cagle and Gospel Doctrine teacher, Paul Fife, could not be replaced. But further thought made us realize this sort of thing happens all the time. Just as in gardening, so in the Church, pruning promotes new growth and strength to the mother plant. Others will be chosen to serve in these ward positions and will grow therein.

Bishop Martin recently presented Pam Martin, JoAnne Stoker and Carol Glenn with their Mia Joy pins, and Ellen Boyd with her Silver Gleaner Certificate at MIA. Under the direction of the Speech Director, Dorothy Judson, the Junior M Men and Gleaners of the combined San Mateo Wards held a Pioneer party around the Ohran patio fireplace. Recital of the early beginnings of the church here on the Peninsula in which the Ohran family figured prominently, plus other pioneer stories by the young people provided an enjoyable evening and an excellent workshop in speech. Effie Lewis, mother of screen actress, Rhoda Fleming, told the story of her own pioneer mother. Lhomond and Barbara Jones led approprite songs to the accompaniments of the "uke." Refreshments of rootbeer floats, cookies and marshmallows topped off the evening.

RELIEF SOCIETY held a successful Visiting Teacher lunchen and Symposium at the home of Barbara Jones. Guest Speaker from San Mateo Second Ward, Gladys Lemon, talked on the "spirit" of visiting teaching while Barbara, supervisor, reviewed the duties and Faye Stoker gave a quiz on the mechanics of visiting teaching. The afternoon inspired us for what we hope will be a banner year in our Visiting Teaching.

STAKE MISSIONARIES: Six converts have become members of our Ward Family; Margaret Grant and her children, Susan Nell, and Richard Walker. These folks have been active among us for a long time. James Arthur Williams; Russell Hansen, husband of one of our faithful Primary workers, Millie Hansen; Joan Thatcher, who contracted polio the day after her second baby was born 15 months go. With an indomitable spirit, Joan has made steady progress. She was born a Catholic, attended the Congregational Church, but the Gospel of Jesus Christ had the ring of truth for her.

SCOUTS: The scouts recently held a benefit dance under the title "Be a good Scout" which financed a 5-day trip to the High Sierras for the troop of the combined Wards.

ATHLETICS: A group of young married couples have been playing volleyball each Monday night at the City Park and extend an open invitation to others to come, join the fun!

STORKLINE: What a pleasure it was for one of our visiting teachers to discover that tiny Miss Hawley has recently come to bless the home of her parents, Dave and Beverly Anderson.

We regret the removal this month of three active families; Blaine and Ollie Sheffield, Rose and Harris Allgood to the Los Altos area; Clyde and Norma Maughan back to New York.

Greet these people to help compensate or our losses: Glennis T. and Sharon Bronson: Marlo Jarman; James Arthur Williams, Charles and Rhea Gustavenson; Wayne and Margaret Bringhurst; Max and Louise Epperson; and Frank and Elva Hayward, all bringing new talent and service into our Ward Family.

YOUTH NEWS—Some fledglings are leaving the nest for the first time: Anne Sheffield, Judy Stoker, Sandy Ashby, and Kaye Croxford winging their way to BYU; Caroline Kuse to Visalia; Bill Knowlden and Richard Skankey to the armed services. After the summer at home, college students, Carla Brumester, Joe Kristjanson, Ellen Boyd, and Mary Utcheg have migrated back to BYU; Linda Player, sweetheart of Sigma Chi last year, to Stanford; and Louis Ranch back to West Point. During the summer, Stephen Player, Junior at San Mateo High, flew with a group of seven young people representing our local "Y" to a world-wide Conference at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where the theme was "I'm not afraid to be a Christian."

THANKS: Bishop Martin publicly thanks Lucile Goats who cuts the stencil for Sunday programs, and Stan Gibb, for the mimeographing.

ARTHUR DANIELS
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with his beautiful wife and daughter to reside here. He is employed with the Bank of America.

Collin Smith who filled a mission here, is back at Fort Ord on Army duty. He is looking forward to his first child very soon. He intends to bring Karma and the baby to Monterey to live for the duration of his service.

Elder Von Del Chamberlain sends his regards to all his friends in the Bay Area. He is married to Maare' Hollingswoth and resides in Salt Lake City. He thought he would have to enter the armed service but has been deferred. He will attend the University of Utah and finish his studies this winter.

Sister Nalder from San Francisco Ward has been helpful in the Parent and Youth class for some time. She is instructing the class in psychology training for parents. It has been through the class that Ruth Swanson has been teaching in Sunday School.

A STORK SHOWER for Carol Wright Stephens was given at the home of Edna Torgerson recently. The excited grandparents to be are James and Ruth Wright, also the Marion Stephens of the fourth Ward.

Bea Lenfesty has been very ill and is now out of the hospital where she spent a week under treatment. She was taken to her sister's home in the Claremont ward for a few days. She wishes to thank all the wonderful people of the Claremont ward for their interest in her welfare.

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Palo Alto First

Luigis Host Ward Welfare Dinner

By Sally Stoddard

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Principal planners for this exceptional Ward Welfare dinner were Bill and Dru Irwin. Dorothy and John Winkler created the posters. Melba Kartchner was in charge of the tickets. The appropriate table decorations were the handiwork of Millie and Al Curley. John Hopkin and his family supervised the serving. Dorothy Muir chose the atmospheric background music. And most important of all were Jack and Virginia Denton and Dorothy and Deveral Andrus who purchased and prepared the wonderful food, which consisted of tossed salad, salami, relishes, garlic bread, spaghetti and dessert.

Wandering musicians John Lovula with his guitar and Loverill Berry playing the accordian serenaded the diners.

The identity of Luigi and his family was a closely guarded secret prior to the dinner, but careful scrutiny revealed them to be, appropriately enough, our genial Bishop Dean Sonne, his wife Hazel, and their children.

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